

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF MEETING

HELD ON 9TH AUGUST, 1926.

N J FRIZELLE
SECRETARY

FORTVIEW
WEXFORD

THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD IN THE COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBER, FORTVIEW, WEXFORD, ON 9TH AUGUST, 1926.

Present:- Mr T McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; other members:- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs W Boggan, P Byrne, James Clince, M Cloney, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Thomas Cooney, R Corish, M Doyle, Jas Gaul, Jas Hall, Patrick Hayes, D Kavanagh, Aidan Mernagh, N J Murphy, John O'Byrne, M M O'Donoghue, Jas Shannon, W Thorpe, Jas E Walsh, Thos Rossiter, John Pender, and John Whyte.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the County Surveyor, and Mr Elgee, Solicitor, were in attendance.

A telegram was received from Mr Jordan that he was unable to attend the meeting.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and signed.

DRAINAGE COMMITTEE.

The following Minutes of Meeting of Drainage Committee of 9th August, 1926, were submitted:-

"A Special Meeting of the Drainage Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 9th August, 1926.

Present:- Mr T McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; other members:- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs M Doyle, Aidan Mernagh, N J Murphy, John O'Byrne, M M O'Donoghue,

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, and Mr Elgee, Solicitor, were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

Mr N J Murphy, M C C, wrote that parties interested in above Scheme were anxious that the County Council should receive a deputation from them to put their position before the Council with a view to having the charge on land for works recently carried out by the Board of Works reduced either by extended payments or otherwise.

The following resolution was agreed to, on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr Doyle:-

'That we request the County Council to receive deputation in connection with works recently carried out on Kilmannock Drainage Scheme. That, as the parties concerned are not satisfied that value has been obtained for the money expended, and that they were not consulted before the work was undertaken, we request the Board of Works to send down a representative to next meeting of the County Council to consider the position.

'That we point out to the Land Commission that, on account of the extra Drainage Rate, three of the ex-British Officers, who obtained holdings at Kilmannock under the Land Distribution programme, have surrendered their farms, and request the Land

Commission to inform the Council what they intend doing regarding the three holdings in question'.

FORD OF LYNG.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That we direct the attention of the Board of Works to the following resolution, which was adopted at the last meeting of the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"That the Board of Works be asked to state the present position of the Drainage Scheme at Ford of Lyng, and when report relative to same may be expected to be presented to the County Council; also, if any work regarding the scheme will be carried out this year'.

"That Counsel's opinion be taken as to the liability of the Slob Company in connection with flooding of road at Ballybro".

SCHEMES, GREA TISLAND AND CAMBLIN EMBANKMENT.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Board of Works be requested to state how these Schemes stand at present".

REPORTS OF COUNTY SURVEYOR.

Under date 21st July, 1926, letter 14226/26 was received from the Office of Public Works, relative to reports furnished by the County Surveyor. The letter pointed out that the primary intention was that these reports should contain such information as would enable the Council to determine which schemes could not be usefully or economically carried out under the provisions of the Arterial Drainage Act, 1925, with a view to rejecting them forthwith. For this purpose, it would be necessary for the County Surveyor to give a rough estimate of the number of acres proposed to be improved, the probable cost of the scheme and his observations on any special features.

It was decided to refer the letter to the County Surveyor for

his observations.

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Rossiter, the Minutes of meeting of Drainage Committee of 9th August, 1926, were confirmed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The following minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 8th July, 1926, were submitted:-

his observations.

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Rossiter, the Minutes of meeting of Drainage Committee of 9th August, 1926, were confirmed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The following minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 8th July, 1926, were submitted:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held on 8th July 1926 in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford.

The following were in attendance:- Messrs Sean O'Byrne, William Thorpe and Patrick Hayes.

The Secretary and County Surveyor were also in attendance.

The Chair was, on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hayes, taken by Mr Thorpe.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

TREASURER'S ADVICE NOTE.

Treasurer's Advice Note covering payments amounting to £5545-12-6 was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

Under date 7th July 1926, letter was read from Mr P.J. Sinnott, Rate Collector No. 4 Collection District asking for time until the end of July to close his collection for 1925-26 to enable him to get cases through the Courts. He had made satisfactory collections in previous years and would have done so as regards last year's collection only for the fact that he was laid up.

The following resolution was agreed to:- "That Mr Sinnott be informed that unless he closes his rate collection for year 1925-26 by end of July, the Finance Committee will suspend him from office.

In connection with resolution of Committee calling on Mr McCarthy, No. 5 Collection District, to appoint a deputy necessary owing to his injuries in motor accident, the Secretary reported that Mr McCarthy had resumed duty.

In reference to derelict farm at Great Island, Campile, Mr Thomas Rowe, Rate Collector for No. 18 Collection District wrote under date 25th June 1926 that the tenant in this case was Patrick Bowe. He and his son were working with Mr N.J. Murphy, County Councillor. The farm had been derelict for six years. There were no cattle on it, and none of it had been set

for grass.

It was decided to communicate with Mr N.J. Murphy, County Councillor in the matter and ascertain from him the exact position as regards Bowe's farm.

The following report was read from Mr J.J. Fanning, Checker Rate Collectors'Accounts, Gorey District:-

"I beg to report that I attended at Gorey on Friday, June 18th to check the Rate Collectors'accounts by appointment. I received a wire from Mr Fitzpatrick, Collector of No 15 Collection District, while I was there that he could not attend on that day but would come to Wexford for this purpose on the following Tuesday, June 22nd.

He did not appear on the latter date but, as you told me, he wired to you that he would attend on Friday June 25th instead. He again failed to come on Friday and sent no word. On Monday June 28th I understand you had a letter from him stating that he would come to Wexford that day but he did not do so.

As directed by you, I went to Gorey on June 29th and took up from Mr Fitzpatrick all his collecting books.

He stated to me that he could not attend on the other dates as his mother had been ill."

The Secretary stated that as Mr Fitzpatrick had not attended he had taken up his books and had them checked. They were found in order.

It was decided to return books to Mr Fitzpatrick and call his attention again to the resolution of County Council on 3rd July 1926 stating that if in future he failed to attend he would be suspended.

Explanations from Mr J.J. Sinnott, Collector for No. 16 Collection District and John Curtis No 20 District were considered satisfactory. In the former case, Mr Sinnott's brother had been knocked down by a motor car and had remained unconscious till the 5th inst. In the case of Curtis, his mother died on the day of checking.

In connection with seizure for rates on the farm of Martin Crosbie, Monachee, Duncannon, the following under date 24th June 1926 was read from Mr T.A. Colfer, solicitor, New Ross:—"I am in receipt of yours of the 23rd inst. Daly the Civil Bill Officer reported here that the two animals seized were worthless and the three carts were old and very considerably damaged.

I also had an urgent entreaty from the Parish Priest to allow the horses to be returned so that Crosbie could finish getting in his crop. Under these circumstances I consented to release the property seized, but on the strict understanding it should be available.

I am afraid owing to the little value in the property that it would be scarcely worth re-seizing.

However I will send Daly down at once to have the two horses and carts re-seized and duly sold."

Adjourned to next meeting to await result of seizure.

It was decided to communicate with the Rate Collector⁽⁶⁾ and direct them to proceed with collection for current year at once. A sum of only £1000 odd had been collected to date and only five of the Collectors had made any lodgment.

The Finance Committee wish to point out to the Collectors^(ns) that the majority of them pay little attention to the resolutions and instructions of the Committee. For the future any Collector who does not faithfully and diligently carry out the directions of the Committee or of the Secretary will be suspended by the Committee. We also empower our Secretary to suspend any Collector who is lax or neglectful in the discharge of his duties.

INCOME TAX ON COURTTOWN HARBOUR.

A Bill for 16/6 Income Tax on Courtown Harbour was considered and ordered to be paid under protest as Co. Council were carrying on Courtown Harbour at considerable loss.

COUNTY LIBRARY SCHEME.

Under date 2nd July 1926, Miss Johanna M. Murphy Clerical Assistant, County Library Service forwarded her resignation.

Miss J. M. Walsh, Librarian wrote in connection with ~~MISS~~ resignation of Miss Murphy that she (Miss Walsh) had made arrangements for taking her summer holidays as from the 14th August and wished that the new Assistant should be appointed at least three weeks before that date in order that she would have an idea of the work which she would have to carry out while Miss Walsh was on holiday. If this was not possible perhaps the Committee would appoint some one temporarily for about seven weeks as from 19th July or sooner if possible as Miss Murphy was leaving at the end of July.

The following resolutions were adopted:-

"That the resignation of Miss Murphy as Clerical Assistant, County Library Service, be accepted, and that she be released from duty on 31st July 1926.

"That Miss Walshe, ~~be~~ Librarian, be granted her summer holidays for 14 days, as from 12th July 1926.

"That our Secretary communicate with other County Councils and ascertain if they have provided clerical assistance for Librarians, and if so, terms and conditions governing such appointments."

OVERDRAFT OF COUNTY COUNCIL.

Under date 3rd July 1926 (G. 29425/1926/Wexford County) the following letter was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"With reference to your letter of the 25th ultimo, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he sanctions the continuance of an overdraft not exceeding £40000 on the Wexford County Council to the 31st August next, and a reduced amount not exceeding £30000 from that date to the 30th September next. Interest may be paid on the amount from time to time outstanding at

the usual rate.

A duplicate of this letter is enclosed for the information of the Bank."

DISHONoured CHEQUE.

Mr Richards, Local Taxation Officer, reported that in April last, Michael Dillon, 3 Main Street, Enniscorthy, had forwarded him a cheque for £7-4-0 for Road Tax. The cheque was dishonoured and after considerable correspondence from Mr Richards and Mr Elgee, solicitor to the County Council, Dillon paid £3 and promised to pay the balance. This promise he had failed to carry out.

It was decided that Mr Elgee proceed against Dillon for the balance of amount of his Road Tax remaining unpaid viz, £4-3-0.

GOREY COURTHOUSE.

Mr Elgee, solicitor, wrote under date 2nd July, 1926, enclosing copy of letter from Messrs Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey asking for payment of £42-18-9 amount of decree and costs in connection with Gorey Courthouse. The £2-18-9 costs were according to scale.

It was decided that the amount be paid.

Mr Elgee, under date 7th July, 1926, wrote that, as instructed, he had applied for the Poor Rate due on the Gorey Courthouse premises which belonged now to Mr Braslin and he forwarded copy of reply to application from which it could be seen that under the terms of the lease the rent of £10 reserved thereby was to be paid over and above all taxes. This being so, it would appear to be clear that Mr Breslin was not liable for the payment of the rates.

It was decided to point out to Mr Elgee that when the Courthouse ground rent was paid to the Kirk Estate, the rates had always been paid by the landlord. He was asked if he could obtain an inspection of the lease at the time the rent was paid to the Kirk Estate.

SOLICITOR'S COSTS- GOREY UNION AND R.D. COUNCIL.

Under date 23rd June 1926, Mr Elgee, solicitor, wrote that the costs of Messrs O'Flaherty & Son relative to work for Gorey R.D. Council had been taxed to £65-9-2, and the costs of Messrs O'Flaherty & Son for work performed for the Gorey Union had been taxed to £17-6-7.

It was decided that the amounts be paid and debited to the district of Gorey.

POISONS AND PHARMACY LICENCES.

The following resolution was adopted:-

That the County Council will refuse to renew any existing Poisons and Pharmacy Act licence unless application for renewal be made within fourteen days of the expiration of original licence. If not received within this period a new licence must be applied for.

PETROL PUMP LICENCES.

Ordered- "That persons who have erected petrol pumps on roads in rural districts or on main roads in Urban Districts and who have not obtained from the County Council licence provided by Local Government Act 1925 be prosecuted unless within 21 days from issue of notice under this resolution, application for licence be received."

"ANTI-FYRE" FIRE EXTINGUISHERS.

The County Surveyor was instructed to procure half a dozen "Anti-Fyre" Extinguishers and one dozen cylinders for same.

Mr John O'Byrne proposed and Mr Murphy seconded:-

"That the Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee of 8th July, 1926, be confirmed".

DERELICT FARM, GREATISLAND, CAMPILE.

In connection with derelict farm at Greatisland, Campile,- tenant, Patrick Bowe - Mr Murphy, M C C, asked the Council to use their influence with the Land Commission to have the farm transferred to Bowe's son, who is a very hard-working young fellow.

It was agreed that Mr Murphy submit a memo in the matter to next meeting.

GOREY COURTHOUSE.

Mr Elgee mentioned that he had inspected the original lease of the Gorey Courthouse, and found that the County Council had been always responsible for payment of rates.

The resolution confirming the minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 8th July, 1926, was then put and passed.

The following Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee of 22nd July, 1926, were submitted:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held on 22nd July 1926 in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford.

Present Messrs Sean O'Byrne, P. Hayes, Aidan Mernagh, William Thorpe and James E. Walsh.

The Secretary and County Surveyor were also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr Hayes seconded by Mr Mernagh, the chair was taken by Mr Sean O'Byrne.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Letter of apology ~~was~~ for non-attendance was received from Col Gibbon owing to absence from home.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

A vote of sympathy in the death of his mother-in-law (Mrs Morris) was passed to Mr Thorpe on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Hayes.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3867-16-2 was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

The state of the Rate Collection was considered.

It was decided that Mr P.J. Sinnott Collector for No 4 Collection District and Mr P. O'Byrne Collector for No 9 District be suspended unless they close collection for 1926 Rate by the end of July. That copy of this decision be furnished the sureties of these collectors.

It was also decided that Collectors Sutton (District No 2), Walsh (No 3), M. Kelly (No 6), Donohoe (No 12) and McCarthy (No 5) be informed that they must close their collections for 1926 Rate at once. That this decision be notified the sureties of these collectors.

It was further decided that the attention of all the

Rate Collectors be called to the terms of their Bonds and that they be informed(as their books were furnished them in proper time to secure the close of warrants during financial period)the Finance Committee recommend the Council to hold the Collectors strictly to ~~their terms of bonds~~ the terms of their bonds, as regards the closing of Rate for 1927.

In connection with derelict farm at Newtown, Clonevin, Mr John J. Sinnott, Rate Collector, wrote that he had served Demand Notes on Mr John Gilbert, Coolharbour in respect of the rates which were due. Mr Gilbert declined to pay stating that he was not receiving any profit out of the lands nor using them for any purpose. The Receiver, Mr H.R. Hamilton, Estate Office, New Ross had also written stating that he had no funds in hands and had received no rent out of the lands.

It was decided that the County Council ask the Land Commission to take over this farm.

Under date 21st July 1926, Mr John Doyle, Rate Collector, Scullabogue applied for payment of poundage.

It was decided that the County Council request the Department of Local Government to consent to the payment to Mr Doyle of allowance for poundage as agreed to in the case of the other Collectors, viz, on 56½% of amount lodged.

RATES ON VACANT DWELLING HOUSES.

Under date 16th July 1926, letter (No G.31863/26/ Miscellaneous) was read from the EE Department of Local Government, pointing out that Section 16 of the Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions) Act 1893, which imposed on landlords the liability of defraying the rates levied on vacant dwelling houses to which the Act applied, had been amended by Section 9 of the Act of 1926 which laid down that Section 16 of the principal Act should not apply to a dwelling house unoccupied for six months for the purpose of the execution of repairs etc, or owing to the inability of the landlord to obtain a suitable tenant.

INSURANCE OF WORKERS ON LABOURERS' COTTAGES.

It was decided that this matter be further adjourned pending the advice of Counsel as to the decision of the National Health Insurance Commission of 9th November 1925.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE.

In connection with position of Clerical Assistant re above, the Secretary submitted returns he had received from Counties in which Libraries were working.

It was decided that the Secretary communicate with the Librarian, Kilkenny County, and request information as to the number of centres at present working and how often books were changed per annum for these centres: also with Librarian, Wexford County and request similar information.

FIRE INSURANCES.

Circular letter under date 16th July, 1926 was read from Hibernian Fire and General Insurance Co. Ltd. stating they were in a position to offer special discount of 25% of the yearly premiums paid annually in advance, subject to the Council entering into an agreement to continue the insurances with the Company for a period of five years.

It was decided to take no action pending the passing of the Local Authorities Mutual Insurance Bill.

FIREPROOF SAFES.

Under date 14th July 1926, the following letter was read from the Co. Surveyor:- "I examined this safe (New Ross Union) on Monday with Mr Shortall, who informed me that he had word from the Secretary of the Health Board that he would not require it. Mr Shortall pointed out that the safe is merely fire resisting and not burglar proof, and as it would entail expense transferring it from New Ross, he made an offer to me of £5 for it. I consider this figure is about what would be obtained if the safe were auctioned."

It was decided that Mr Shortall take over safe on the terms of the valuation of the County Surveyor provided

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that if in the next six months the County Board of Health state they would require its use, it be returned by Mr Shortall and amount of purchase refunded to him; he to be responsible for the carriage of the safe.

Mr Richards, Local Taxation Officer applied for use of second safe which had been obtained from New Ross Rural District Council, to hold cash, etc. pending lodgment. He had frequently from £200 to £500 in cash and cheques. At the commencement of each year he would have over £1000 in hands at a time. The safe could also be used for keeping a stock of licences.

It was agreed that Mr Richards should have the use of this safe.

COURTOWN HARBOUR HURLING CLUB.

Application was received from above for permission to "hold" the bridges at Courtown Harbour on 25th July 1926 in connection with a football tournament.

It was decided that the Secretary of the Courtown Harbour Hurling Club be informed that the County Council had no power to agree to the application as they could be held liable by any member of the public who would be prevented from using the bridges on the occasion.

Mr John O'Byrne proposed and Mr Murphy seconded:-

"That the Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee of 22nd July, 1926, be confirmed".

Passed.

The following Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee of 5th August, 1926, were submitted:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 5th August 1926.

Present:- Mr T McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; also:-
Messrs A Mernagh, P Hayes, W Thorpe, Sean O'Byrne.

The Assistant Secretary and the County Surveyor were also in attendance.

Colonel Gibbon wrote, apologising for non-attendance owing to his acting as Steward at the Horse Show.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and signed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4515:4:0 was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

The State of the Rate Collection was considered.

Under date 30th July, 1926, the following letter, No G.33633/1926, Wexford County, was read from the Department of Local Government:-

With reference to your letter of the 21st instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he is quite dissatisfied with the progress of the Rate Collection generally in County Wexford. The Collectors should be notified accordingly.

As regards poundage for 1925/26, the Minister is not willing to consent to the payments proposed, but would agree to entertain a proposal to wind up the collection by an immediate examination of each Collector's accounts, giving credit for irrecoverable items and allowing "carry forwards" in cases known to be clearly uncollectible for the time being.

Poundage at reduced rate commensurate with the energy displayed might then be conceded.

The examination of the Arrears List should be entrusted to

a responsible officer who would carefully scrutinise each item.

It was decided that Collectors be instructed to have all recoverable Rates, in respect of period to 31st March, 1926, lodged by the next Finance Committee meeting and that lists be submitted to said meeting of unlodged rates with explanations from Collectors as regards each unlodged item with a view to having the lists furnished the members.

The following are the percentages of the current rate collected:-

B Cleary, 25.87; E J Murphy, 21.38; M Kelly, 19.09; J Quirke, 16.55; S Gannon, 16.48; C McCarthy, 15.58; J Curtis, 13.96; P O'Byrne, 13.27; M Deegan, 11.63; T Rowe, 10.39; J J O'Reilly, 9.14; J Cummins, 9.09; J J Kelly, 8.9; J J Sinnott, 6.64; W Cummins, 6.34; P Donohoe, 6.23; T Sutton, 5.91; P J Fitzpatrick, 5.74; P Walsh, 3.10.

The following are the percentages of the 1926 Rate outstanding:-

J J O'Reilly, .15; J Quirke, .47; J J Kelly, .47; J J Sinnott, .55; E J Murphy, .72; J Curtis, .97; M Deegan, 1.42; P J Fitzpatrick, 1.84; T Rowe, 2.13; B Cleary, 2.20; J Cummins, 2.66; S Gannon, 2.68; W Cummins, 2.76; P Walsh, 3.17; T Sutton, 3.19; P O'Byrne, 3.99; M Kelly, 5.21; J Doyle, 5.34; C McCarthy, 5.47; P Donohoe, 6.06; P Sinnott, 12.9.

COLLECTOR P J SINNOTT.

The Secretary reported that he had suspended Collector P J Sinnott and taken up his books. The Collector did not attend for checking on 28th July or on day following. He wired Sinnott on both days. He received a wire from Collector Sinnott's sister on 30th July that her brother was away and would attend on his return. He subsequently received a letter from Miss Sinnott that her brother was in Dublin having an abscess on his tooth attended to. He notified Collector Sinnott's sureties

of his failure to attend, and Collector Sinnott was informed by letter that his case would be considered by Finance Committee on that day. Collector Sinnott's books had been checked, and the amount represented by receipts issued from Collecting Books was £13:10:6. Considerably more than this sum was due to Collector Sinnott in poundage.

The Secretary's action in the matter was approved.

EX-COLLECTOR JAMES MURPHY.

Letters were read from Mary Dillon, Adamstown, and James Furlong, Templeshelin, stating that they had been applied to for rates by Collector Doyle, and that they had already paid ex-Collector James Murphy.

Patrick Mahon, Kellystown, Adamstown, attended at County Council Office and stated he paid Murphy on 3rd December, 1925, but got no receipt. Application had been made to him for payment by Collector Doyle.

In view of the fact that receipts were in all cases in Murphy's Collecting Books, the Committee could take no action in the matter beyond writing to Murphy in connection therewith and forwarding him the statements of the ratepayers with a request for an explanation.

Application for Leave - Collector B Cleary.

Collector B Cleary applied for a fortnight's leave to attend Irish Course at Mount St Benedict. The Gaelic League had selected him from his Branch for the course.

In view of the fact that Collector Cleary had best percentage of current rate lodged, it was decided that necessary leave be granted, and that he be informed the Committee hoped he would keep his collection well ahead by giving extra attention to his work on completion of the course.

CLERICAL ASSISTANT → CO. LIBRARY SERVICE.

In connection with Clerical Assistant for Library, Miss Harrison, County Librarian, Kilkenny, who had no Assistant, wrote that there were seventy-four distributing centres in Kilkenny, and the average number of exchanges, three.

The number of centres in County Wexford, as returned by Miss Wallish, Librarian, was 84, and number of changes, usually four.

The Committee decided that a Clerical Assistant was necessary in County Wexford. On the motion of the Chairman, it was decided to request the Library Committee to submit recommendations as to conditions of appointment and the subjects for examination to be held by County Council, Irish being compulsory as per resolution on books.

PENSION, MISS MARY HAYES, FORMERLY CO. INFIRMARY OFFICIAL.

Miss Hayes, who is in receipt of £11 per annum pension, wrote as follows:-

Would you be good enough to ask your Council if they would be pleased to give me my pension altogether. I would be very grateful to you if you could secure me this concession as it would enable me to make provision for my mother who has no other means of support.

It was pointed out that Miss Hayes was in her 36th year, and it was unlikely the Local Government Department would sanction the commutation of her pension. In cases in which pensions granted before Local Government Act, 1900, were commuted, total amount payable on a pension of £11, would be £153:1:3.

On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr P Hayes, it was decided to recommend the County Council to request the Local Government Department to consent to a payment to Miss Hayes of £153:1:3 within the next twelve months in lieu of pension of £11 per annum for her life.

District Court, Enniscorthy.

Mr Denis Doran, District Court Clerk, Enniscorthy, wrote as follows:-

I am directed by the Registrar of District Court Clerks to point out to your Council that he is dissatisfied with the Courthouse accommodation at present available in Enniscorthy, as, in his opinion, same is unsuitable for the needs of the Public, it being too small and no office accommodation therein being available for the District Court Clerk's offices.

I am further directed to request that your Council be good enough to acquire suitable premises in the town for the holding of the weekly Courts and in which apartments can be set aside for offices for District Court Clerk.

It was decided to point out that, pending rebuilding of new Courthouse, the present arrangements are the best the County Council can make for the District Court Clerk's Offices and District Court. When the new Courthouse is being built, provision will be made for an office for the Court Clerk within the building.

Mr John O'Byrne proposed and Mr Murphy seconded the following:-

"That the Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 5th August, 1926, be confirmed".

MR P J SINNOTT, RATE COLLECTOR.

On the motion of Mr John O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Hall, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the suspension of Mr P J Sinnott as Rate Collector for No 4 Collection District be confirmed. That the personal sureties of Mr Sinnott be notified that they are responsible to the County Council in the sum of £200 towards the closing of the warrant. That, in order to complete the collection, the County Council are prepared, subject to the consent of the sureties, to appoint Mr Philip Furlong, Loughtown, Broadway, as temporary Rate Collector, since he has had experience of Rate Collection, and performed his duties to the satisfaction of the Council."

On the motion of Mr John O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Boggan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That, subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and to his providing the necessary security, Mr Philip Furlong, Loughtown, Broadway, be appointed temporary Rate Collector for No 4 Collection District, in view of the fact that, while acting as temporary Collector for the collection of arrears in this district, he will be able to collect a substantial amount of the current rate at the same time".

The resolution, confirming the minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 5th August, 1926, was then put and passed.

ROADS COMMITTEE.

The following Minutes of Meeting of Roads Committee of
26th July, 1926, were submitted:-

The monthly meeting of the Roads Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 26th July 1926.

Present:- Col Gibbon(vice-Chairman),presiding,also Messrs Sean O'Byrne,P. Colfer, James Hall,Michael Cloney, William Boggan,James Shannon,R.Corish and Col Quin.

The Secretary,County Surveyor, Mr Elgee, Solicitor and Messrs T. Treanor,John Kehoe, R. J. Ennis, J. F. Birthistle and P. O'Neill Assistant Surveyors were in attendance.

A letter apologising for non-attendance was read from the Chairman.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

VOTE OF CONDOLENCE.

On the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Corish the following resolution was adopted:-"That we offer Mr Thorpe, our respected colleague, our heartfelt sympathy in the death of his mother-in-law,Mrs Morris,Fethard. That copies of this resolution be forwarded Mr Thorpe and Mr Morris husband of deceased."

HEAVY LORRY TRAFFIC.

Under date 12th July 1926,the following letter, (R/RV/32) was read from the Department of Local Government(Roads)

"With further reference to your letter of the 7th instant and previous correspondence relative to the making of an Order under Section 7(4) of the Roads Act,1920,I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to point out that before he can consider the question of making the required Order it is essential that a public inquiry be held. The County Council will therefore appreciate that a Conference between an engineer of this Department and representatives of the Council with a view to selecting roads for inclusion in the Order would be regarded as prejudicing the result of the Local Inquiry.

"I am to point out at the same time that before the public local inquiry can be held, it is an essential legal requirement that an application should be made by the County Council in the "prescribed form" (See Section 7(4) of the Roads Act, 1920, the second schedule thereto, and paragraphs 40 and 41 of the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Regulations, 1921). A formal application for an Order under the Roads Act, 1920, should therefore be made by you accompanied by a certified copy of a resolution of the County Council in the following form, which has been approved by the Minister:-

"That application be made by the Wexford County Council to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for an Order under Section 7(4) of the Roads Act, 1920, prohibiting, subject to such exceptions or conditions as to occasional user or otherwise as may be specified in the Order, the driving of heavy motor cars (as defined by Article II of the Heavy Motor Car (Ireland) Order, 1905) the sum of the registered axleweights of all the axles of which exceeds four tons on every public road in the County within the area of the Council with the exception of that portion of the road extending from the County Boundary at Bounds Bridge to its junction with the road leading from Gorey to Wexford via Ballycanew and Castlebridge. The grounds for the application are that the said roads are unsuitable for use by a vehicle of the said class."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Boggan:-

"That we recommend the County Council to apply to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for an Order under Section 7(4) of the Roads Act, 1920, prohibiting, subject to such exceptions or conditions as to occasional user or otherwise as may be specified in the Order, the driving of heavy motor cars defined by Article 2 of the Heavy Motor Car (Ireland) Order, 1905, the sum of the registered axleweights of all the axles of which exceeds four tons, on every public road in the County within the area of the Council, with the

exception of that portion of the road extending from the County Boundary at Bounds Bridge to its junction with the road leading from Gorey to Wexford via Ballycanew and Castlebridge, and also for an Order limiting the speed of heavy motor vehicles crossing New Ross Bridge to three miles per hour; the speed of motor vehicles crossing Wexford Bridge to ten miles per hour, the speed of motor vehicles through town of Gorey to ten miles per hour, and the speed of motor vehicles using Gorey-Courtown road to 15 miles per hour. The grounds for the application are that the said roads are unsuitable for use by a vehicle of the said class and that said bridges and roads are unsuitable for higher speeds of motor vehicles than those set out in this application."

ROAD GRANTS.

Under date 25th July 1926, (R/RG/131) the Department of Local Government (Roads) forwarded copy of letter addressed to the Town Clerk, Wexford, stating that the authority of the Minister for Finance had been obtained to the making of a Grant of £200 from the Road Fund for the purpose of treating with "Spramex" the surface of the Faythe in the Urban District of Wexford.

DREDGING OF HARBOURS.

Under date, 14th July 1926, the following letter (D/5/2) was read from the Department of Fisheries:-

"With reference to your communication dated 18th ult., I am directed by the Minister for Fisheries to state that, having regard to the special circumstances as set out in the copy resolution of Wexford Council forwarded by you, he has arranged with the Commissioners of Public Works to have 12 days' dredging carried out at Courtown Harbour, the whole cost of which will be borne by this Department. In thus accepting the full cost as a charge against public funds, the Minister desires to make it clear to the County Council that this is done without prejudice to any future proposals for the dredging of this harbour.

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"The application as to the dredging of Kilmore Harbour cannot at present be entertained by the Department and consideration thereof must be postponed to a later date.

With regard to the repairs to the sluice gates, I am to request you to state what progress has been made with the work and when it is expected that they will be in full working order."

As regards Kilmore, the County Surveyor stated that the breaches to which the Chairman called attention were now in course of repair.

In connection with work at Courtown Harbour, it was decided to point out to the Department of Fisheries that some considerable time ago, an offer was made by the Department of Agriculture to provide apparatus for dredging the bar at the mouth of the harbour if the fishermen concerned gave their services free in its working.

The County Surveyor mentioned that the repair of the sluice gates was being carried out and he expected to be able to report within the next eight or ten days as to when the work would be completed.

A long discussion took place relative to the employment of a man named John Furlong, who was in charge of repairs at Kilmore Pier and who was not a member of a Trades Union.

The County Surveyor pointed out that this man had been in charge of similar work for about 30 years and was really a specialist in work of this kind. The Transport Union and the other men concerned stated that a man could be obtained who was a member of the Union and who was equally as good as Furlong, as regards this class of work. He (County Surveyor) wished to point out that he had no knowledge of the capabilities of the man in question, whereas he knew Furlong was an extremely competent man for the job. The work was not such as to allow of experiment as to how it should be carried out.

Mr O'Byrne mentioned that if the Union man was equally competent as Furlong, he should be employed by the Co. Surveyor.

After some discussion it was decided on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Boggan, that the matter be left in the hands of the County Surveyor to select the most competent workman.

The County Surveyor was directed to have list of duties of the Harbour Masters posted at Courtown and Kilmore.

MAIN ROADS-NEW ROSS URBAN DISTRICT.

The following resolutions in connection with Trunk Road Grant of £1300 (Road T 12) were received from New Ross Urban District Council:-

"That any liabilities in excess of £1300, the amount allotted for the steamrolling and spraying of this road be met by the Wexford County Council."

"That we again call the attention of the Wexford Co. Council to the condition of Trunk Road T. 12 and request the County Surveyor to have it sprayed immediately."

With reference to the first resolution, the following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr Hall:- "That in view of the fact that the County Council agreed with the Urban District Council of New Ross to resurface Road T. 12 for a contribution of £1300 from Road Grants, this meeting repudiates any liability over and above amount of Grant allocated, viz, £1300, and considers resolution adopted by New Ross Urban District Council highly irregular. This Committee fails to understand why the Urban District Council should direct the County Council to meet any liability over this £1300 in view of the circumstances under which agreement was arrived at."

Mr O'Byrne pointed out that he believed New Ross Urban District Council were complaining that they rolled in more material than had been provided in the specification and should be compensated for cost of same.

It was decided that the County Surveyor furnish detailed report to next meeting of the Roads Committee of the material supplied and any correspondence which he had had with the official of New Ross Urban District Council in connection with the resurfacing of this road.

As regards the resolution requesting the Co. Council to complete the work on Road T. 12, the County Surveyor stated that he believed he would be able to carry out anything that was necessary through the maintenance grant.

The following resolution was also received from New Ross Urban District Council:-

"That the Wexford County Council be requested to state when this Council will receive recoupment for work carried out on Main Roads in the Urban District."

The County Surveyor stated that from an inspection of the books of the New Ross Urban District Council, the cost of work and materials for the main roads in this district for the period during which the maintenance was being carried out by the Urban District Council would be £11-16-0.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Colfer:-

"That we recommend the County Council to pay New Ross Urban District Council the sum of £11-16-0 for maintenance of main roads in New Ross Urban District for the period during which said roads were dealt with by the Urban District Council pending consideration of agreement with County Council."

WEXFORD COURTHOUSE.

Under date 24th July 1926, the following letter was read from Mr Elgee, Solicitor:-

"With reference to the instructions of the Council to apply to the Circuit Court Judge for an Order giving liberty to the Council to expend the amount awarded for the burning of the Wexford Courthouse on altering and reconstructing the old Gaol as a Courthouse, I have been looking into the matter, and I find that under Section 10, sub-section (1)(ii) of the Damage to Property (Compensation) Act 1923, it is provided-"That whenever a partial reinstatement condition is attached to a Decree, the person by whom such condition is to be performed may, at any time within three months after the date of the Decree, submit a scheme for the application of the compensation towards the erection of buildings of a residential character at any

specified place in Saorstát Éireann in lieu of the buildings specified in the Decree."

The Decree in this case was dated the 11th May 1925 and there is a reinstatement condition attached thereto.

This being so, the application for liberty to apply the amount awarded for the Courthouse for the purpose of re-constructing the old Gaol as a Courthouse, should have been made within three months from that date, or on or before the 11th August 1925, and consequently, as the date for lodging the application is now long past, the Judge has now no power to hear or consider such an application in this case.

Further, under the Section, the only purpose for which the Judge can make such an Order is "towards the erection of a building of a residential character." I do not think that it can be contended that the alteration of the old Gaol as a Courthouse would be in the nature of a residence or of a residential character, and in my opinion, the application would fail on this ground also.

On both points therefore, I am of opinion that it would be useless to proceed with the application which, under the circumstances stated above, I am satisfied, would not be successful."

Mr Corish proposed and Mr Colfer seconded:-

"That we recommend the County Council to proceed with the erection of Courthouse on the old site, as already agreed to by them "

After considerable discussion this motion was altered by the proposer and seconder to read as follows:-

"That the Courthouse Committee be requested to meet prior to the meeting of the County Council in August, and that the County Council be recommended to proceed with the erection of Courthouse on the old site in the event of the Courthouse Committee not being able to suggest a satisfactory method of overcoming the difficulties mentioned in Mr Elgee's letter relative to renovating old jail for Courthouse and for County Offices. Passed.

The following report was submitted from the County Surveyor:-

"On the 19th inst, Mr Batchen, Board of Works Engineer, met me by appointment in Wexford and we discussed the Ford of Lyng proposed Drainage Scheme. Subsequently, we visited the area, more particularly with reference to section between the County road to Rosslare and the Slob Company's embankment. Mr Batchen is to look up the records in the Board of Works Office and to report further on the matter.

On the 9th inst, I met Mr Murphy M.C.C. at Great Island and we inspected the work done on the Kilmannock system. There would appear to be about 4000 lineal yards of drains cleaned, but these are only main drains and no branches have been touched. I understand the work cost between £1,100 and £1,200, and this would appear to be rather high for the work, though some lengths had to be deepened in shale or rock cutting.

I have forwarded the Secretary recommendations for the two schemes, one at Camblin and the other at Great Island, which are such as to warrant detailed investigation by the Board of Works.

The gramblers ordered some while ago have come to hand and are now at work, one in Tara Hill quarry and the other at Ballybrennan Quarry. They are working satisfactorily, but the output of such small gauge material is of course, low. I have arranged accordingly for working double shifts, as we are waiting for screenings for our tar surfacing.

The work at Wexford Bridge is now proceeding in a satisfactory manner. I have had to order from Messrs Pierce new quadrants for the lifting gear and have had winches overhauled and repairs made to the counter balances by Messrs Thompson. I expect to get some of the new bascule beams in during the coming week, and will make a temporary bridge over the structure, so that the existing temporary bridge can be removed, and I expect not to have to stop traffic at all.

"I have now taken over direct work on this and am dealing with the employment and payment of the men myself.

I am arranging for the repair of the sluice gates at Courtown Harbour, and for this work I am utilizing timber that will eventually be required in the sheeting of the ~~basx~~ bascule of Wexford Bridge. This, I hope, will enable me to cut the expense on Courtown Harbour as there would be no charge for this other than carriage to and from Courtown Hbr.

The work at Kilmore Harbour is now in progress, and I find that there is a great deal of defective concrete in the breakwater.

I am carrying out repairs at present to the timber flooring on the footway and roadway of New Ross Bridge. In regard to the footway, I find that the under beams are in many cases very defective, and I am therefore replacing them before putting down new decking,

I have started the tarring of the main road in New Ross which was recently rolled by the Urban Council, but not tar surfaced. I shall arrange later ~~for~~ for the repair and improvement of a small section not yet rolled, but the money available for the maintenance may not run to the completion of this as will be necessary later. I have examined the records in the Town Clerk's office in regard to expenditure on the Main roads by the Urban Council and shall submit details at the meeting. The amount of labour was not excessive

I have now handed over the Karrier Lorry to the Health Board who in the future will be responsible for its maintenance and running expenses.

As ordered by the Council, I have directed the Assistant Surveyors to take immediate steps for repairing bad section of the Wexford--Gorey road, using fine material or screenings and tar compound for blinding. The work is now in progress.

The building of the bridge at Gurrawn on 255E is

now in progress, and I am arranging to take up repairs to Verona Bridge on completion of the former. I have prepared an agreement which I have handed to the Assistant Surveyor to get signed so that there may be no claims subsequently, and this will be completed before the work is undertaken.

It has been reported to me that a rather serious accident took place at Ballyvergin(18R), on the main road from Wexford to New Ross. I had a proposal before the Council for the improvement of this corner at a cost of £24, but owing to lack of funds the matter was left over for the present. As this place is very dangerous, and rolling work is being done now in the locality, which may possibly accentuate the danger later, I suggest that the improvement work should now be undertaken.

I submit quotation from Messrs McDonagh & Boland, Insurance Brokers Ltd, Dublin, for the insurance of the buildings in the Machinery Yard at Enniscorthy. It appears that the Council are required under the lease to cover the premises to the extent of £500, and I ask for sanction to have the Insurance Policy taken out.

I have received a claim from Messrs O'Connor Dunne, Ferns, and submit copy of same. This claim has been under discussion for a great while now and I put the matter in Mr Elgee's hands some time ago and he wrote to the Firm. I am not satisfied that the claim is proper, though some part of it possibly might be payable if proper vouchers were submitted."

Drainage Schemes.

It was decided that a meeting of the Drainage Committee be held to deal with drainage proposals in connection with Ford of Lyng, Great Island and Camblin Embankment, meeting to be held at 10a.m. on 9th August 1926.
Ballyvergin Dangerous Corner.

On the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Shannon the following resolution was adopted:-

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"That in view of the many motor accidents which have occurred at corner at Ballywargin (Road 18R), a sum of £24, as suggested by the County Surveyor, be allocated from Contingencies Fund in order to improve the approaches to cross-roads at this point."

Insurance-Buildings Machinery Yard.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the quotation for premium was 7/6.

It was decided that this be effected for one year.

Account- O'Connor Dunne, Ferns.

The County Surveyor mentioned that this account was to some extent out of date. It went back over seven or eight years. He had gone into the matter with one of the firm and pointed out that a number of items were not payable at all. If vouchers were produced, it was possible that £4 or £5 would be found to be due, but he did not feel at liberty to deal with this matter in the absence or non-production of any orders or vouchers.

The County Surveyor was directed to repudiate liability in this case.

HAULAGE FROM CARRIGEEN QUARRY.

In connection with application from James Kenny, Greenhall, Ferns, for increase in rate of haulage of tenpence per cubic yard, and which had been referred to Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, to explain why it was necessary to "break load twice in hauling from this quarry, Mr Ennis reported as follows:-

"The men drawing stones from Carigeen to roller on 2E and 3E always have a certain quantity of stones both on the road outside the quarry and also at the Ferns end of 3E. They add stones to their load at both places, arriving at their destination with something near a cubic yard. They have apparently found by experience that they can bring a larger load up the street of Ferns than up the laneway from quarry. There is a short but fairly severe pull to the latter.

"In a few years as the quarry face advances this will disappear to a certain extent. It would not be possible to do anything with it at present without worsening the access of Mrs Rath (quarry owner) to one of her fields."

Mr Ennis in reply to the Chairman, stated that in his opinion, Kenny was able to earn 8/- per day and not 4/2 as stated in his letter.

No Order.

CUSH GAP.

Correspondence was read from Mr M.M. O'Donoghue M.C.C. and Rev James Somers C.C. Blackwater, asking that repairs be carried out to the Cush Gap. The road which formerly sloped down to the strand now ended abruptly and it was very difficult to get down to the sea or to return. The repairing of the Gap would mean a greater influx of visitors to the locality with consequent improved financial results to the people who derive a great portion of their income from setting their houses to visitors.

Mr Elgee, in reply to the Chairman, stated that in his opinion, as the repair in question was not for the protection of a road, the Co. Council had no power to carry it out.

The following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That we recommend the County Council to inform Mr O'Donoghue that this work should be carried out by the local people; Mr Elgee having given his opinion that the Co. Council had no legal power to expend money on a work of this nature.

MOTOR CAR ACTS ADMINISTRATION.

The following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That, in order to ensure that Road Tax, etc. is paid by all motorists, we request the Executive Committee of the General Council of County Councils to put before the Department of Justice the necessity for permitting the County Superintendents of the Garda Siothchana and Local Taxation Officers to arrange periodic "holds up" for examination of

Road Tax discs and Driving Licences. At present, "holds up" are only arranged from headquarters and it appears to be a considerable time since one took place in County Wexford.

From information presented to this meeting, we consider it would be advisable that a "hold up" should be held immediately."

Messrs O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, Enniscorthy, wrote that on 16th July, the County Council lorry whilst being driven fast and on the wrong side of the road at Tomnalosset, Enniscorthy collided with a motor car of Mr Denis Doyle, Castle Hill, Enniscorthy, and damaged it extensively. The driver of the lorry never stopped to see what happened. Unless the County Council compensated Mr Doyle, he would proceed against them in Court.

A letter was also read from Mr Doyle, claiming £4-17-0 damage to Dunlop motor cord cover and tube, which had been only a few hours in use when it was destroyed by a sharp flag projecting from the road.

The County Surveyor mentioned that as regards the damage to motor car, the lorry driver was not aware that any accident had happened. Mr Murphy, Machinery Overseer, went to inspect the car but found it had been dismantled. He (Co. Surveyor) had reported the matter to the Insurance Brokers who would deal with it.

In connection with claim of Mr Doyle for £4-17-0, it was decided to repudiate liability.

PETROL PUMP AT FERNS.

In connection with petrol pump erected by Nathaniel Hayes at Ferns, Mr Elgee submitted correspondence from which it appeared that Mr Hayes admitted that he did not erect the pump on the original site agreed to by the County Council, as he was informed by Miss Donovan, owner, that it might be required later for building sites. When he received this intimation from Miss Donovan, he took it upon himself to have the pump erected at his garage but he did not obtain authority from anyone for its location.

On the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That as Mr N. Hayes erected petrol pump at Ferns at site which was not approved by the Council, he be instructed to have same removed at once."

"That in connection with erection of petrol pumps generally, Mr Elgee, solicitor be requested to advise the Council as to their liabilities regarding any accidents which might take place owing to their position. At present, although the owners of these pumps have entered into agreements with the Council to indemnify them against damages, etc. the Roads Committee feel that a definite understanding should be arrived at with their Insurance Brokers that their policies cover any liability the Council may be held in owing to the fact that owners of petrol pumps might not be sufficient mark for damages."

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.

A letter was read from Mr Patrick Byrne, foreman of Tara Hill Quarry complaining that, although he had been seven weeks idle, he could not receive any unemployment benefit in consequence of holding a farm. He stated he had to obtain a loan from the Bank in order to purchase the holding, and although he had stamped cards since the Act came into force and never drew anything in benefit, he was now informed that he was not eligible for any contribution from Insurance funds.

It was stated that Mr Byrne held a farm of 20 Irish acres.

Mr Corish mentioned that he had dealt with this case as far as possible, but found that owing to the fact that Mr Byrne was the holder of a farm, Unemployment Benefit could not be allowed under the provisions of the Act of Parliament.

It was decided that Mr Byrne be informed that the County Council were not in a position to take any action on his letter.

REPAIRS AT WEXFORD BRIDGE.

The following was read from the Wexford Branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, under date 17th July 1926.:-

"Members of above Union at present working at repairs on New Bridge have asked me to bring under your notice the following grievances:-

These men state, in the first instance, that they are doing semi-skilled work, and while quite fit and able to do such work, maintain they are only paid at general labourers' rate, namely, 30/- per week.

They have instructed me to ask on their behalf that they be paid at the rate of 40/- per week.

They define their statu^s as semi-skilled workmen as follows:-That they have always followed up such work as rebuilding of bridges, where skill in the handling of boats and cots is very necessary, the handling and unpacking of machinery and steel parts and reassembling of same, and general handiness, which is always required in such constructional work as is being carried out just now at the New Bridge.

I am sure that when the nature of this class of work is understood by the Council, through their County Surveyor, they will have no hesitation in granting these workmen this small increase in their wages, viz., 10/- per week."

The County Surveyor stated that, in his opinion, the men in question were really performing skilled work. He recommended that they should be paid 6/- per week extra.

On the motion of MK Col Quin seconded by Mr O'Byrne the following recommendation was agreed to:-"

"That the men referred to in letter from Wexford Branch of Irish Transport & General Workers Union, under date 17th July 1926, be paid as from this date at 6/- per day."

APPLICATION FOR ACCOMMODATION IN OLD JAIL.

Michael O'Hanlon, foreman in connection with repair of Wexford Bridge applied for a house in Old Jail. His present

house was held on a temporary letting and he would be obliged to vacate it as soon as he could obtain a house. He found it impossible to procure a permanent residence.

Refused, as Mr Elgee informed the Committee that if any letting were made to Mr O'Hanlon, it could not be legally determined.

RATHPIERCE BANK.

In connection with memorial of ratepayers for improvement of Rathpierce Bank(Road ~~43E~~ 43 G), which was at present dangerous to vehicular traffic, Col Quin and Mr O'Byrne who were appointed a committee to visit the place and report, recommended that a sum not exceeding £20 be allocated for improvement at this point.

The report of the committee was adopted.

OFFER OF ROAD MATERIAL.

Martin Roberts of Ballinagrallagh, Raheen, Enniscorthy, wrote, offering the County Council, at 4/- per cubic yard, 500 yards of material, which he stated, was similar to that of Carrigbyrne Quarry.

The County Surveyor stated that the material was not as good as Carrigbyrne and he considered 4/- too high a price.

The offer was refused.

Mr Murphy proposed and Mr John O'Byrne seconded the following:-

"That the Minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 26th July, 1926, be confirmed."

PETROL PUMP AT FERNS.

Mr Pender proposed:-

"That we dissent from the recommendation of the Roads Committee relative to removal of petrol pump of Mr Nathaniel Hayes at Ferns".

Mr Colfer seconded.

As an amendment, Colonel Quin proposed and Mr Boggan seconded:-

"That Nathaniel Hayes be prosecuted for having erected petrol pump at Ferns on an unauthorised site".

A show of hands was taken on Colonel Quin's amendment when only six were found in favour of it. The Chairman declared it lost.

As a further amendment, Mr Corish proposed:-

"That the circumstances relative to the erection of petrol pump at Ferns by Nathaniel Hayes be referred to the Department of Local Government, and that they be asked what, in their opinion, is the position of the Council in the matter."

Colonel Quin seconded.

On a show of hands, eleven voted in favour of this amendment and nine against. The Chairman declared the amendment carried, and, on being put as the substantive motion, it passed nem. con.

OULART-CASTLEBRIDGE ROAD.

Colonel Gibbon stated that on 6th August, 1926, he passed over the road from Oulart to Castlebridge, and, owing to the manner in which it was tracked by lorries, two distinct streams of water the middle of were flowing down the road, Unless something was done at once,

The Council would be let in for very heavy expenses.

The County Surveyor mentioned that the work was in hands. He found some considerable difficulty in obtaining the necessary quantity of screenings.

COURTOWN HARBOUR.

Colonel Quin complained that very little work was being done at Courtown Harbour. One day he visited it, there were only seven baulks of timber there, and the men stated they required 21 or 25 for the work.

The County Surveyor stated that there had been delay in delivering these baulks, but they should be there now.

It was decided that the matter be dealt with at the next meeting of the Roads Committee.

CUSH GAP.

In connection with Cush Gap, Mr O'Donoghue stated that the position of the place at present was very inconvenient to visitors and residents of the district. He asked the County Surveyor what would be the probable cost of making the place reasonably passable.

The County Surveyor stated that he would look into the matter.

The resolution confirming the recommendations contained in the Minutes of Meeting of Roads Committee of 26th July, 1926, with the exception of that delaing with petrol pump at Ferns, was then put and passed.

REPORT, WEXFORD COURTHOUSE COMMITTEE.

The following report was submitted:-

A Meeting of the Courthouse Committee was held on 5th August, 1926.

Present:- Mr T McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; also:- Messrs M Cloney, Jas Gaul and W Thorpe.

The County Surveyor and the Assistant Secretary were also in attendance.

Letter from Mr Elgee, Solicitor, under date 24th July, 1926, as appearing on minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 26th July, 1926, was read.

The following Minute of Roads Committee was also considered:-

'That the Courthouse Committee be requested to meet prior to the meeting of the County Council in August, and that the County Council be recommended to proceed with the erection of Courthouse on the old site in the event of the Courthouse Committee not being able to suggest a satisfactory method of overcoming the difficulties mentioned in Mr Elgee's letter relative to renovating old Jail for Courthouse and for County Offices'.

In reply to the Chairman, the County Surveyor stated that his original estimate for rebuilding Courthouse and Offices on old site was £13,000. This was reduced to £10,000 by Department of Local Government. The reduced amount meant that accommodation proposed in first instance would be considerably curtailed. His opinion was that by an expenditure of £5,000 on the old Jail the Council would have much better and roomier Courthouse and Offices than by expending £10,000 on the old Courthouse site.

Plans with description of proposed building on old Jail site were submitted by the County Surveyor.

It was stated that ground rent on old Courthouse site

was £181, and on old Jail, £207.

The meeting expressed themselves in favour of old Jail site if the legal difficulties as outlined in Mr Elgee's letter could be overcome.

On the motion of Mr Thorpe, seconded by the Chairman, it was decided that the County Surveyor and the County Solicitor interview Judge Doyle and place before him plans for building Courthouse and Offices on old Jail site with a view to securing his assistance in having amount of compensation awarded expended on rebuilding Courthouse and Offices on said site.

A memorial was read from ratepayers, residing in the vicinity of the old Courthouse site, asking the County Council to have the Courthouse rebuilt on the old site, and giving their reasons therefor.

The Chairman proposed and Mr John O'Byrne seconded:-

"That the report of the Courthouse Committee be received and considered".

Passed.

Mr Gaul proposed:-

"That the Courthouse be re-erected on the old site, and that the work be proceeded with as soon as possible".

Mr Corish seconded.

As an amendment, Mr Murphy proposed and Mr Boggan seconded:-

"That a deputation wait on the Minister for Justice and Minister for Finance with Mr Barry, County Surveyor, with a view to inducing them to allow the County Council to expend the money voted in compensation in providing Courthouse and County Offices at the Old Jail".

Mr Elgee mentioned that it would be out of the question for himself or Mr Barry to approach Judge Doyle as recommended by the Courthouse Committee as he had no power to over-ride an Act of Parliament.

After further discussion, Mr Murphy agreed to the postponement of the consideration of his proposal in view of the following proposal made by Colonel Gibbon, and seconded by Mr Doyle:-

"That the Courthouse Committee be instructed to reconsider this matter as soon as the County Surveyor is in a position to submit for their consideration detailed plans and estimates, and that the County Surveyor be empowered to employ an assistant to prepare said plans and estimates at a cost not exceeding £10".

This amendment was carried on a show of hands by thirteen to ten.

MOUNTGARRETT BRIDGE.

On the motion of Mr John O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Cooney, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Kilkenny County Council be requested to inform this Council how the question of the rebuilding of Mountgarrett Bridge now stands".

FOOD & DRUGS ACTS.

Mr Thorpe moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the Department of Agriculture be informed that, as regards the prosecution under Food and Drugs Acts against Mary Power, Sen., and Annie Whitty, Aclare, Campile, for excessive moisture in butter, recommended by Department in their letter of 22nd June, 1926, (L.2609-26), the County Council in ordering said prosecution were misled by the report of Mr Kenny, Inspector of Department, who stated that the butter was purchased at New Ross Market, whereas it was bought on private premises as an unfinished article for manufacture. The County Council would not have ordered the prosecution had

they been made aware of the facts of the case".

Colonel Gibbon seconded.

Under date 28th July, 1926, the following letter was read from Mr Elgee, Solicitor, in reference to the prosecutions against Miss Whitty and Mrs Power:-

"The summonses in these cases, which were for the alleged sale of butter to an Inspector of the Department of Agriculture, which contained 18.23% of water, being 2.23% over the 16% allowed by the Butter Regulations, were heard at New Ross on the 20th inst., when the point was raised by Mr Colfer, Solicitor, for the Defendants, that the butter was not a finished article when it was sold, but had been brought in for sale to a manufacturer, who would complete it to the finished article, and further that, as the butter had been sold in the store or factory of Mr Fleming in New Ross, and not in the open market, that no offence under the Food and Drugs Act had been committed. The Justice accordingly reserved his decision on the matters in order to consider the points as raised.

"Here I should state that, in the report which Mr Kenny, the Inspector of the Department, made to them on the matter, he stated that he bought the sample 'in New Ross Market', and made no reference at all to Mr Fleming's store or factory.

"Mr Fahy, the District Justice, gave his decision yesterday, when he dismissed the case against Miss Whitty, the owner of the butter, and he fined Mrs Power, who actually sold the butter, One Shilling and 2s costs, holding that, as Mrs Power, when asked for a pound of butter by the Inspector, sold it to him without making any comment as to its not being finished butter, Mr Colfer's objection on that point failed.

"With regard to the point that the butter was sold in Mr Fleming's store or factory, the District Justice held that there was no restriction placed by the Act on where the sale was to take

place, and that once the sale had been made, as in this case, it was immaterial where the sale took place, and, accordingly, he fined Mrs Power as above mentioned.

"I am also reporting to the Department on the matter".

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the motion:- Colonel Gibbon, Messrs Boggan, Cloney, Doyle, Hall, Kavanagh, O'Donoghue, Thorpe, Walsh and Whyte. 10

Against:- Colonel Quin, Messrs. P Byrne, Clince, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Corish, Mernagh, John O'Byrne, Shannon, Rossiter, Pender and the Chairman. 13.

Messrs ^{Gaul}Hayes and Murphy did not vote.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

PAYMENTS TO ROAD CONTRACTORS.

Mr Hall moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That Road Contractors be paid quarterly in future instead of half-yearly".

Mr John O'Byrne seconded. Passed.

CURRADUFF QUARRY.

The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr Jordan:-

"That the County Council agree to the re-opening of Curraduff Quarry".

By permission of the meeting, consideration of the motion was adjourned to next meeting owing to the absence of Mr Jordan.

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SHEEP DIPPING.

Mr James Hayden, Sheep Dipping Inspector, Wexford District, reported that James Fardy, Blackhall, did not dip his sheep during the Summer period. Richard Joyce, Ballask, Kilmore, had sent notice to dip on 12th August - twelve days over the time.

Under date 5th August, 1926, Sergeant John Dwyer, Garda Siochana, Rosslare Pier, forwarded notices of intention to dip received by him on 4th August, 1926, from

Margaret Lambert, Churchtown, Killinick, date of intended dipping, 23rd July, 1926.

James Sinnott, Sigginstown, Killinick, date of intended dipping, 23rd July, 1926.

T J Mayler, Ballytory, Broadway, date of intended dipping, 22nd July, 1926.

The notices were not received in sufficient time before dipping. Sergeant Dwyer asked if there was any reason why he should not prosecute for these offences.

On the motion of Mr John O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Shannon, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That James Fardy, Blackhall; Richard Joyce, Ballask, Kilmore; Margaret Lambert, Churchtown, Killinick; James Sinnott, Sigginstown, Killinick; and T J Mayler, Ballytory, Broadway; be prosecuted either by Garda Siochana or County Council's Lay Inspector under the Sheep Dipping Order, as the County Council's Solicitor advises".

LEASE OF PREMISES, OLD COUNTY INFIRMARY.

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That lease of premises of old County Infirmary, now known as the Private Nursing Home, be sealed and signed".

NATIONAL ROAD GRANT.

Under date, 27th July, 1926, (SGN/201), letter was read *from* the Department of Local Government (Roads) that it had been decided to carry out a National Road Scheme for the improvement of a selected mileage of the Trunk Roads of the Saorstát within a period of two years. A sum of £36,976 had been earmarked for the road from Ferrycarrig Bridge to Enniscorthy Bridge in County Wexford. The County Surveyor should be instructed to get into communication without delay with the Chief Roads Engineer of the Department with a view to the settlement of details incidental to carrying out the work indicated. As soon as the Minister had an opportunity of considering the facilities available in the County, he would indicate to the Council whether Direct Labour or Contract was to be adopted. He would also indicate the nature of any special requirement in relation to the method adopted.

On the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr O'Donoghue, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we accept the grant of £36,976 from the Department of Local Government for the re-construction of the Wexford-Enniscorthy road".

On the motion of Mr John O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Quin, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we request the Department of Local Government (Roads) to provide £3,476, applied for by the County Surveyor to make good defective bottoming on Enniscorthy-Wexford road, and which

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work needs to be carried out without delay".

A long discussion took place as to whether the work should be carried out by contract or direct labour.

Mr Corish proposed and Mr John O'Byrne seconded:-

"That we request the Department of Local Government to agree to this work being carried out by direct labour".

As an amendment, Colonel Gibbon proposed and Mr O'Donoghue seconded:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to put his proposals for the carrying out of the work under this grant before the next meeting of the Roads Committee.

After further discussion, it was decided that the County Surveyor prepare proposals for the carrying out of this work, to be considered at special meeting of the County Council to be held on 23rd August, 1926, at 2.p.m.

CLONHASTON-ENNISCORTHY ROAD.

Mr Hall proposed that the work on this road be suspended until the next meeting of the Roads Committee as it was not being carried out in a satisfactory manner.

Mr Cloney seconded.

As an amendment, Mr Corish proposed and Mr Shannon seconded:-

"That the work on Clonhaston-Enniscorthy road be continued, and that the Assistant Surveyor in charge, Mr Cullen, be requested to furnish report in connection therewith immediately".

After discussion, a poll was taken with the following result:-

For the amendment:- Messrs P Byrne, Clince, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Mernagh, John O'Byrne, Shannon, Pender and the Chairman. 13.

Against:- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs Cloney,

Doyle, Hall, Kavanagh, Murphy, O'Donoghue, Thorpe, Walsh and Whyte. 11.

Messrs Boggan and Rossiter were not present when the poll was being taken.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried and, on being put as the substantive motion, it passed nem. con.

RESIGNATION OF MR J LARKIN AS MEMBER OF COUNTY INSURANCE COMMITTEE.

Under date 29th July, 1926, Mr J Larkin, High Street, Wexford, wrote, resigning, owing to pressure of business, membership of County Insurance Committee.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne, the resignation was accepted, and it was decided to fill vacancy at the next meeting of the County Council.

APPOINTMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.

On the motion of Mr John O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Shannon, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the following be appointed on Scholarship Committee:- Colonel Gibbon, Messrs Boggan, Corish, McCarthy, John O'Byrne, Seumas Doyle (Ballycarney), E P Foley (Crossabeg), Rev Mr Talbot (Horetown), Rev Brother Markey (Wexford), Rev W F Murphy, (St Peter's College, Wexford), with a representative to be nominated by Co. Wexford National Teachers' Association".

APPOINTMENT, FOOD & DRUGS INSPECTOR, GOREY.

Under date, 13th July, 1926, the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Wexford, wrote, recommending the appointment of Garda John O'Brien, 5846, as Food and Drugs Inspector for Gorey district, vice Garda Neylon, 4188, who has been transferred to another district.

On the motion of John O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Corish, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Garda John O'Brien (5846); Gorey, be appointed Ex-Officio Inspector under Food and Drugs Acts for Gorey District, vice Garda J Neylon (4188)".

WEXFORD-ROSSLARE (SLOB) ROAD.

Under date 28th July, 1926, (R/RU/32), the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote that directions had been given for the payment of £1,500, balance of grant of £2,000, in respect of Wexford-Rosslare (Slob) Road.

In reply to the Chairman, the County Surveyor stated that it would take £400 or £500 to finish the road.

SUPERANNUATION - MR JJ ROCHFORD.

Under date 12th July, 1926, ((G.23082/1926, Wexford County Board of Health), the Department of Local Government forwarded copy of Order under Seal, made by the Minister for Local Government, under date, 7th July, 1926, and No 23082/1926, determining the superannuation allowance of J J Rochford as Clerk of the late Rural District Council of New Ross at £216:10:0 per annum.

TUBERCULOSIS SCHEME → DENTAL TREATMENT.

Under date 6th July, 1926, (P H 30428/26, Wexford C B H), the Department of Local Government wrote, forwarding copy of letter addressed to the County Board of Health, setting forth details of arrangements approved by the Department for carrying out dental treatment under County Tuberculosis Scheme.

Under date 24th July, 1926, the Secretary, County Board of Health, wrote, asking to have the arrangements set out in letter of Department of Local Government, under date 6th July, 1926 (No P H 30428/26, Wexford C B H), regarding dental treatment under County Tuberculosis Scheme ratified by the County Council.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the dental arrangements under County Tuberculosis Scheme, made by the County Board of Health and sanctioned by the Department of Local Government, be and are hereby approved".

ADVANCED CASES OF TUBERCULOSIS.

Under date 29th July, 1926, (P H 29796/1926, Wexford C B H), the Department of Local Government forwarded copy of letter addressed to the County Board of Health, relative to the question of the provision of accommodation for advanced cases of Tuberculosis in Wexford County.

On the motion of Mr John O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Shannon, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Board of Health be requested to furnish their observations relative to letter of Department of Local Government, under date 29th July, 1926, (P H 29796/1926, Wexford C B H), regarding arrangements for the treatment of advanced cases of Tuberculosis.

WATERFORD & NEW ROSS PORT SANITARY AUTHORITY.

Under date 1st July, 1926, (29308/26), the Department of Local Government forwarded copy of their Auditor's report on his audit of the accounts of the Waterford and New Ross Port Sanitary Authority for the seven years ended 31st March, 1926.

LOADING FACILITIES FOR LIVE STOCK AT RAILWAY STATIONS.

Under date 21st July, 1926, (L.1225/26), the Department of Agriculture wrote that the Railway Company had agreed to have furnished at Gorey, Enniscorthy, Ferns, Wexford and New Ross Railway Stations, movable guides or carriers to facilitate the work of loading live stock especially on days other than fair days.

RETURN OF STATISTICS.

Under date 19th July, 1926, (M.1007), the Department of Industry and Commerce (Statistics Branch) forwarded copy of the Statistics (Census of Production) Order, 1926, made under section 16 (1) of the Statistics Act, 1926, and under which statistics for the current calendar year would be collected early next year.

LAND PURCHASE ANNUITIES.

Under date 31st July, 1926, (39767/1926), letter was read from the Irish Land Commission, stating that the amount of Land Purchase Annuities collectible in County Wexford for November-December 1925 gale was £75,129, being £63,352 for the gale alone and £11,777 arrears of all previous gales. At the 30th ultimo, all the above had been collected except £9,106, which at that date represented the total arrears of Land Purchase Annuities chargeable against the County Wexford portion of the Guarantee Fund. Of the

£9,106 arrears, approximately £4,944 represented cases in which Nulla Bona Returns had been made by the Sheriff, and, in all these, Notices of Intention to Sell the holdings had been served by the Land Commission on the owners or occupiers.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Colonel Quin, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Irish Land Commission be requested to state the amount of arrears at present outstanding in respect of Land Purchase Annuities payable to 30th June, 1926".

GRANT; DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - TECHNICAL
INSTRUCTION FUNDS.

The following resolution was read from the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"That, in view of the action of the Technical Instruction Branch of the Department of Education in cutting down their grant to Co Wexford Technical Instruction Scheme by £134 for session 1925-26 and of their proposal to reduce grant for 1926-27 by £160 we request directions from Wexford County Council as to what amount from local rates they recommend should be included by this Committee in Technical Instruction Scheme for next session. We wish to point out to the Department that, if this Committee had been aware at the time they agreed to include £400 from local rates for Scheme of 1925-26, the Department intended to cut down their grant for 1925-26 to this Committee, it is improbable that the sum of £400 would have been set aside as the local contribution. The Committee would be glad to learn what - at the moment - is the amount standing to the credit of the Committee in the records of the Department".

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Shannon, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That, in view of the fact that the Department of Education have reduced their normal grant to the Technical Instruction Scheme of the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction from £290 to £130, and as we are informed that there is to credit of this Scheme in the books of the Department, £900, we hereby allocate to the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for the purposes of Technical Instruction for session 1926-27, the sum of £180, which is a proportionate reduction on the County Council's normal grant of £400. We understand that the reduced grant is considerably the lowest given to any County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for work on Technical Instruction Schemes, and the County Council always understood that, so long as they contributed £400 towards the County Wexford Technical Instruction Scheme, the Department would provide £290, their normal grant".

GOREY SEWERAGE.

Under date 28th July, 1926, the County Surveyor submitted letter from County Board of Health, asking him to reduce by £23 account for £30:11:0 for hire of engine, etc in connection with Gorey Sewerage Works.

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Shannon, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That, as the charges made by the County Surveyor are on the same basis^{as} fixed for work in his charge, the Council are not in a position to accede to the request of the County Board of Health".

AGREEMENT WITH INSURANCE COMMITTEE.

Under date 24th July, 1926, the Secretary, County Board of Health, wrote, stating that, at the meeting of his Board on the 19th July, it was decided to recommend the County Council to enter into agreement with the County Insurance Committee.

On the motion of Mr John O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

That this County Council agrees to enter into the comprehensive agreement with the County Wexford Insurance Committee regarding the treatment of tuberculous patients. That this matter be referred to the Finance Committee in order to fix date on which the agreement shall come into operation, etc."

MAINTENANCE OF MAIN ROADS - WEXFORD URBAN DISTRICT.

Application was received from Wexford Corporation for payment of £150:4:6, cost of maintenance of main roads in Urban District for quarter ended 30th June, 1926.

The County Surveyor recommended that the amount be paid, and a resolution to this effect was passed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Colonel Gibbon.

NEW ROSS BRIDGE.

The County Surveyor submitted letter, under date 2nd August, 1926, from the Town Clerk, New Ross, regarding the maintenance of New Ross Bridge and approaches for year ending 31st March, 1927 in view of the fact that the New Ross Urban District Council had not taken over the maintenance of the Main Roads in the Urban District.

The County Surveyor stated that he had replied that, as New Ross Urban District Council had refused to take up the maintenance of the Main Roads, in their District, they would

have no work to do on the Bridge.

The reply of the County Surveyor was approved.

MATERIAL FOR ROADS IN NEW ROSS URBAN DISTRICT.

The County Surveyor submitted letter, under date 2nd August, 1926, from the Town Clerk, New Ross, asking if his Urban Council could be supplied with from eighty to one hundred tons of broken stone from Ballybrennan Quarry, and price per ton free on rail at Sparrowsland.

The County Surveyor stated that he had offered New Ross Urban District Council 100 tons, free on rail at Sparrowsland, at 10/- per ton, payment to be made according to Railway Company's dockets of weight.

The proposal of the County Surveyor was approved.

SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS.

The following report was submitted:-

Examination for Secondary Scholarships to be awarded by County Council was held on 7th, 8th, and 9th July, 1926, in Christian Brothers' Schools, George Street, Wexford, the Superintendents being Mr Topping, Inspector of National Schools, and Mr O'Reilly of Drumcondra College, Dublin.

The following candidates sat for the examination:-

Charles Hendrick, Belvedere, Coolcots, Wexford.

Patrick Murphy, Garrymile, The Ballagh.

John Corcoran, Bannpark, Craanford, Gorey..

John Cogley, Bulgan, Glynn.

Thomas Higgins, Monamolin, Rathnure, Enniscorthy.

Daniel J Druhan, Lady's Island.

John Francis O'Brien, Allenstown Big, Broadway.

Richard Francis Doyle, Sycamore House, Killutin.

John French, Cliff Cottage, Cullenstown, Bannow.

Laurence Joseph Butler, Lambstown, Killurin.

Mary Kavanagh, Hollyfort, Gorey.

Joshua Kilty, Borleagh, Inch.

Joseph Flynn, Ballyvoclare, Campile.

Nicholas Mernagh, Shelbourne Lodge, Fethard.

Eva Cullen, Ballytarsna, Ballycullane.

Three candidates failed to sit.

The results will be issued to the Council by the Department of Education.

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Shannon, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the best thanks of this Council be conveyed to Rev Brother Markey, Superior, Christian Brothers, Wexford, for his kindness in placing at the disposal of the County Council the Schools in George Street for the holding of the Secondary Scholarships Examination".

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

Report was received from University authorities as to scholarship-holders of the Council.

On the motion of John O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Hall, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That continuing University Scholarships be awarded the following, who have passed their examinations:-

Thomas Keegan, Thomas J Malone, Patrick Whelan, and
Enor A M Bolger,

"That the award of continuing Scholarships in the cases of the remaining students be held over, pending receipt of results of examinations taken by these students".

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POISONS & PHARMACY ACT.

On the motion of Mr John O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Shannon, licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act was granted to Mr William Armstrong, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, for premises at Blackwater, and renewal of licence to Mr W H McGuire, Commercial Quay, Wexford.

REPORT OF ANALYST.

Report of Miss Phyllis Ryan, Analyst, for quarter ended 30th June, 1926, was submitted. The total number of samples analysed during the quarter was 37, of which two samples of drugs, one sample of new milk and one sample of butter were found to be adulterated.

ROSSLARE RACES.

Mr J F Kelly, Secretary, Rosslare Race Committee, applied for the permission of the Council to make collections on the roads leading to the Strand at Rosslare on the date of the races, viz., 26th August, 1926.

No Order.

DEFAULTERS, LAND PURCHASE ANNUITIES.

A resolution was read from Roscommon County Council, requesting the Government to pass immediate legislation for the protection of tenant purchasers who pay their annuities punctually and prevent the ever increasing abuse of having to pay for well-to-do defaulters who are responsible for the stoppage of grants with consequent increases in rates, and empowering the Land Commission to take over land from defaulters for the purpose of enlarging uneconomic holdings, etc.

The resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr John O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Colfer.

CIRCUIT COURTS

A resolution was received from Tirconail County Council, protesting against the institution of the system of proceedings and the consequent increase in the cost of litigation, at present being considered in connection with Circuit Courts.

Marked "Read".

INCOME TAX.

A resolution was received from Killarney Urban District Council, protesting against the policy of the Government in interpreting the Income Tax Laws in such a manner as to make it impossible for people of means to take up residence or remain in this country, owing to the incidence of double Income Tax.

No action.

SPARROWSLAND BRIDGE.

The County Surveyor submitted letter, under date 6th August, 1926, from the Engineer to the Great Southern Railways, stating that £37 would be the extra cost of effecting an easement to the North Western corner of Sparrowsland Bridge by means of a reinforced concrete slab, together with the provision of an open fence on the Waterford side of the Bridge so that traffic could be seen. With regard to the open fence, should an accident occur from a horse taking fright, or other cause, the Company might be held responsible, since the original work had been altered, and in any agreement come to between the Company and the County Council, an indemnity clause would have to be provided.

On the motion of Mr Shannon, seconded by Mr Corish, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That a sum of £37 be taken from Contingencies Fund for the purpose of effecting an easement to the north western corner

of Sparrowsland Bridge and the provision of an open fence on
the Waterford side of the bridge to enable traffic to be seen.

W. M. C. C.
Sept 13th 1926

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.
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MINUTES OF MEETING.
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HELD ON 13TH SEPTEMBER, 1926.
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FORTVIEW,
WEXFORD.

N. J. FRIZELLE,
SECRETARY.

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The monthly meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 13th September, 1926.

Present:- Mr. T. McCarthy, (Chairman) presiding; also, Messrs William Boggan, James Clince, Michael Cloney, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, Michael Doyle, James Gaul, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, David Kavanagh, Aidan Mernagh, Nicholas J. Murphy, John O'Byrne, M. M. O'Donohue, James Shannon, William Thorpe, John Whyte, John Pender, Thomas Rossiter, Colonel Gibbon and Colonel Quin.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary and the County Surveyor were also in attendance.

A letter was read from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, that he was on Summer holidays and would not be able to be present at the meeting.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

TRAGEDY AT DROMCOLLOGHER.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Rossiter, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we extend to the relatives and friends of the victims of the Dromcollogher fire our deepest sympathy in the appalling disaster which occurred there recently.

"That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Very Rev. Canon Begley, P.P., Dromcollogher"

VOTE OF CONDOLENCE - REPLY.

The following letter was received from Mr. W. Thorpe, and was ordered to be inserted on the minutes, on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:-

"Will you please convey to the Roads Committee and Co. Council my sincere thanks for their kind vote of sympathy

in my recent trouble".

LICENCES - CINEMATOGRAFH ACT.
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On the motion of Mr. Thorpe, seconded by the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Chief Superintendent of the Civic Guard be requested to report to the County Council any instances in the rural districts of the County in which buildings, portable or otherwise, are being used for Cinematograph performances without the necessary licences under the Cinematograph Act having been obtained therefor from the County Council".

FINANCE COMMITTEE.
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The following Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 5th August, 1926, were submitted:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 5th August, 1926.

Present:-Mr T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; also, Messrs A. Mernagh, P. Hayes, W. Thorpe and Sean O'Byrne.

The Assistant Secretary and the County Surveyor were also in attendance.

Colonel Gibbon wrote, apologising for non-attendance owing to his acting as Steward at the Horse Show.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4515-4-0 was examined and signed.

The state of the Rate Collection was considered.

Under date 30th July, 1926, the following letter, (No G. 33633/1926, Wexford County), was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"With reference to your letter of the 21st inst, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he is quite dissatisfied with the progress of the Rate Collection generally in County Wexford. The Collectors should be notified accordingly.

As regards poundage for 1925/26, the Minister is not willing to consent to the payments proposed, but would agree to entertain a proposal to wind up the collection by an immediate examination of each collector's accounts, giving credit for irrecoverable items and allowing "carry forwards" in cases known to be clearly uncollectable for the time being.

Poundage at reduced rate commensurate with the energy displayed might then be conceded.

The examination of the Arrears List should be entrusted to a responsible officer who would carefully scrutinise each item."

It was decided that Collectors be instructed to have all recoverable rates, in respect of period to 31st March, 1926, lodged by the next Finance Committee meeting and that lists be submitted to said meeting of unlodged rates with explanations from Collectors as regards each unlodged item with a view to having the lists furnished the members.

The following are the percentages of the current rate collected:-

B.Cleary 25.87: E.J. Murphy 21.38: M. Kelly 19.09:
J. Quirke 16.55: S.Gannon 16.48: C McCarthy 15.58: J.Curtis 13.96
P O'Byrne 13.27: M.Deegan 11.63: T.Rowe 10.39: J.J.O'Reilly 9.14:
J.Cummins 9.09: J J.Kelly 8.9: J.J.Sinnott 6.64: W.Cummins 6.34:
P.Donohoe 6.23: T.Sutton 5.91: P.J Fitzpatrick 5.74: P.Walsh 3.1.

The following are the percentages of the 1926 Rate outstanding:-

J.J.O'Reilly .15: J Quirke .47: J.J.Kelly .47: John J.
Sinott .55: E.J. Murphy .72: J.Curtis .97: M.Deegan 1.42: P.J.
Fitzpatrick 1.84: T. Rowe 2.13: B. Cleary 2.2: J. Cummins 2.66:
S Gannon 2.68: W. Cummins 2.76: P Walsh 3.17: T. Sutton 3.19:
P. O'Byrne 3.99: M. Kelly 5.21: J Doyle 5.34: C. McCarthy 5.47:
P.Donohoe 6.06: P.Sinnott 12.9.

COLLECTOR P.J. Sinnott.

The Secretary reported that he had suspended Collector P.J. Sinnott ~~from~~ and taken up his books. The Collector did not attend for checking on 28th July or on the day following. He visited Sinnott on both days. He received a wire from Collector Sinnott's sister on 30th July that her brother was away and would attend on his return. He subsequently received a ^{wire} letter from Miss Sinnott that her brother was in Dublin having an abscess on his tooth attended to. He notified Collector Sinnott's surties of his failure to attend and Collector Sinnott was informed by letter that his case would be considered by the Finance Committee on that day. Collector Sinnott's books had been checked and the amount represented by receipts issued from Collecting books was £13-10-6. Considerably more than this sum was due to Collector Sinnott in poundage.

The Secretary's action in the matter was approved.

EX-COLLECTOR JAMES MURPHY.

Letters were read from Mary Dillon, Adamstown, and James Furlong, Templeshelin, stating that they had been applied to for rates by Collector Doyle, and that they had already paid ex-Collector James Murphy.

Patrick Mahon, Kellystown, Adamstown, attended at Co. Council Office and stated he paid Murphy on 3rd December 1925, but got no receipt. Application had been made to him for payment by Collector Doyle.

In view of the fact that receipts were in all cases in Murphy's Collecting Books, the Committee could take no action in the matter beyond writing to Murphy in connection therewith and forwarding him the statements of the ratepayers with a request for an explanation.

APPLICATION FOR LEAVE- COLLECTOR B. CLEARY.

Collector B. Cleary applied for a fortnight's leave to attend Irish Course at Mount St Benedict. The Gaelic League had selected him from his branch for the course.

In view of the fact that Collector Cleary had the best percentage of current rate lodged, it was decided that necessary leave be granted, and that he be informed the Committee hoped he would keep his collection well ahead by giving extra attention to his work on completion of the course.

CLERICAL ASSISTANT CO. LIBRARY SERVICE.

In connection with Clerical Assistant for Library, Miss Harrison, County Librarian, Kilkenny, who had no Assistant, wrote that there were seventy-four distributing centres in Kilkenny, and the average number of exchanges, three.

The number of centres in County Wexford, as returned by Miss Walsh, Librarian, was 84, and number of changes, four.

The Committee decided that a Clerical Assistant was necessary in County Wexford. On the motion of the Chairman, it was decided to request the Library Committee to submit

recommendations as to conditions of appointment and the subjects for examination to be held by County Council, Irish being compulsory as per resolution on books.

PENSION, MISS MARY HAYES FORMERLY CO. INFIRMARY OFFICIAL.

Miss Hayes, who is in receipt of £11 per annum pension wrote as follows:-

"Would you be good enough to ask your Council if they would be pleased to give me my pension altogether. I would be very grateful to you if you could secure me this concession as it would enable me to make provision for my mother who has no other means of support.

It was pointed out that Miss Hayes was in her 36th year, and it was unlikely the Local Government Department would sanction the commutation of her pension. In cases in which pensions granted before Local Government Act, 1900, were commuted, total amount payable on a pension of £11 would be £153-1-3.

On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr P. Hayes, it was decided to request the Local Government Department to consent to a payment to Miss Hayes of £153-1-3 within the next twelve months in lieu of pension of £11 per annum for life

DISTRICT COURT ENNISCORTHY.

Mr Denis Doran, District Court Clerk, Enniscorthy wrote as follows:- "I am directed by the Registrar of ~~EN~~ District Court Clerks to point out to your Council that he is dissatisfied with the Courthouse accommodation at present available in Enniscorthy, as, in his opinion, same is unsuitable for the needs of the public, it being too small and no office accommodation therein being available for the District Court Clerk's offices. I am further directed to request that your Council be good enough to acquire suitable premises in the town for the holding of the weekly Courts and in which apartments can be set aside for offices for District Court Clerk."

It was decided to point out that, ~~according~~ pending

rebuilding of new Courthouse, the present arrangements are the best the County Council can make for the District Court Clerk's offices and District Court. When the new Courthouse is being built, provision will be made for an office for the Court Clerk within the building."

The following Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 19th August, 1926, were submitted:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on August 19th, 1926.

Present:- Mr T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding, Also:- Messrs John O'Byrne, W. Thorpe, A. Mernagh, and P. Hayes.

The Assistant Secretary and the County Surveyor were in attendance.

A letter of apology was read from Col Gibbon stating that he was engaged on business in Dublin and would not be able to attend the meeting.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4997-2-8 was examined and signed.

APPLICATION LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Miss Walsh, Librarian, Rural Library Service, applied for leave of absence for Saturday and Monday, 21st and 23rd. inst.

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Thorpe, that she be granted the leave applied for, and, in addition, that she be granted leave for Tuesday 24th inst if she requires it.

APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT, RURAL LIBRARY SERVICE.

Miss Walsh wrote under date August 19th 1926, forwarding recommendation from her Committee in connection with ~~regarding~~ the proposed appointment of Assistant Librarian. The Committee requested the County Council to cancel their resolution of May 18th., withdrawing their power of appointment from the Library Committee.

The Finance Committee decided that, as the County Council had decided to retain the power of appointment in their own hands, it would not be desirable to make any alteration as regards this appointment.

DUPLICATE PAYING ORDER.

Read letter from the County Surveyor stating that Paying

Order No. 7668 (amount £2-12-6) issued to Peter Noctor, Kilcavan, Inch, on the 5th August, 1926, had been accidentally destroyed by Noctor and requested that a duplicate be issued.

It was decided to place a stoppel on the original Paying Order and issue a duplicate.

EX-COLLECTOR P. J. SINNOTT.

Under date 11th August 1926, a letter was read from Messrs Robert Moran and James Murphy, the sureties for P. J. Sinnott, stating that they were satisfied that the County Council appoint Philip Furlong of Loughtown, Broadway, to collect outstanding rates in No 4 Collection District.

A letter (No 4794) was read from Messrs McDonagh & Boland, Insurance Brokers, Dame Street, Dublin, stating that the Insurance Company approved of Philip Furlong acting as collector to collect the outstanding rates in No 4 Collection District.

The Assistant Secretary reported that Mr Elgee, Solicitor, had paid certain rates to Mr Sinnott by cheque, amounting to £50-0-10, and that the items making up the amount had not been accounted for by the Collector, the receipts being still in the collecting book. Mr Elgee had made inquiries also on behalf of a ratepayer who alleges that he had paid rates to Sinnott in respect of which he did not get a receipt. The amount in this case was £28. It was found that this was also unaccounted for by the Collector, the receipt being still in the collecting book.

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, that particulars of these cases be furnished to Collector's sureties.

EX-COLLECTOR JAMES MURPHY.

A report was read from Mr M.J. Finn, Deputy Checker of Rates, New Ross, enclosing particulars of amounts which Ex-Collector James Murphy acknowledged to have received without either lodging the amounts (£69-15-2) or issuing receipts in respect thereof from his collecting books.

In reply to an inquiry, the Assistant Secretary said

there was a sum of £87-9-6 due to Murphy in poundage. There was a large number of cases in which ratepayers alleged that they paid Murphy without getting receipts. These cases were at present being investigated by the present collector and the Deputy Checker, ^{Mr. M. J. Finn,} and a full report would be submitted to the Finance Committee later in connection with them.

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, that a copy of the Deputy Checker's report be furnished to the Insurance Company.

A letter was read from James Murphy, ex-collector, in connection with the resolution passed at last meeting asking for an explanation as to the statements made by Mary Dillon, Adamstown, James Furlong, Templeshelin, and Patrick Mahon, Kellystown, that they had paid him rates and had got no receipts. He denied that he had received rates from the persons referred to.

IRRECOVERABLE RATES.

Lists of Irrecoverable Rates from Collectors P.J. Fitzpatrick and John Doyle were submitted.

The meeting having examined the lists, it was decided to ask Fitzpatrick to attend next Finance meeting in order to give an explanation as regards certain items.

Doyle's list was found to contain 38 entries in respect of vacant buildings.

The meeting considered that the number seemed large for this area, but the list was otherwise considered satisfactory.

It was decided that the list be passed subject to a satisfactory explanation as regards the ^{Number of} vacant buildings.

OUTSTANDING RATES.

A list of rates outstanding for the periods up to and including the 1926 rate was submitted and examined by the Committee.

In connection with list submitted by Collector E.J. Murphy, it was decided to ask him for particulars of payments

made by Mr Furlong in connection with Bantry Commons rating and also to request him to send report as to ~~when~~ the present position in connection with arrears or rates on these ratings.

In connection with the printing of the lists of outstanding rates, it was decided that a quotation for same be obtained, and if it is found that the lists could be printed for a reasonable price, that this work be carried out.

TRANSFER TO WEXFORD CORPORATION.

On the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman, it was decided to transfer to Wexford Corporation a sum of £160 Road Grant which had been forwarded to the Co. Council by the Local Government Department on the 14th inst on behalf of the Corporation.

AGREEMENT-INSURANCE COMMITTEE-TUBERCULOSIS TREATMENT.

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Byrne, that the date for which the proposed agreement should come into force be October 1st next."

The following Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 2nd September, 1926, were submitted:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 2nd September, 1926.

Present:-Mr Thomas McCarthy (Chairman Co. Council) presiding: also present, Messrs Aidan Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, Wm Thorpe and P. Hayes.

The Secretary and Assistant Secretary were in attendance. The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4517-0-2 was examined and signed.

CLAIM IN RESPECT OF DEATH OF CIVIC GUARD.

Under date 31st August 1926, the following letter was read from Mr H. G. Donnelly, Solicitor, Athy:-

"I have been consulted by Mrs Margaret Kavanagh of Boherbawn, Kildangan, Monasterevan, Co. Kildare, in reference to the death of her son, Guard Edward Kavanagh, which occurred on Sunday, the 15th inst, as a result of the motor cycle he was riding striking a heap of road material on the road from Waterford to Wexford at a place in the County Wexford. From the information furnished to me, the accident appears to have been due to the negligence of the Wexford County Council in leaving a heap of road material projecting over the roadway to an unreasonable distance, so that it constituted a danger to motorists and others using the road.

As Guard Kavanagh contributed towards the maintenance and support of his mother and several of her children, who are minors, and as his death has caused her grave loss and injury, I am requested to ascertain from you what compensation your Council proposes to pay to my client for the loss she has sustained in the death of her son."

The following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That we instruct our Solicitor to repudiate claim for

compensation made in respect of fatal accident to Edward Kavanagh, Civic Guard."

The following recommendation was also adopted:-

"That in connection with fatal accidents arising on roads, and in which the County Council may be concerned, we request the County Coroners to send notice of time and place of Inquest to Mr Elgee, Solicitor to Wexford County Council."

CONVEYANCE OF PRISONERS.

Under date 19th August 1926, the District Superintendent Garda Siothchana, New Ross wrote asking if the County Council would guarantee the payment of expenses which might be incurred in apprehending William Walsh, Aldridge, Duncannon against whom it was proposed a warrant for arrest would issue in connection with the alleged desertion of his wife and family.

It was decided to inform the District Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, New Ross that the County Council would be responsible for the expenses in connection with the apprehension of William Walsh of Aldridge.

ILLNESS OF LOCAL TAXATION OFFICER.

Under date 25th August, 1926, the following certificate was read from Dr M.J. O'Neill, Wexford:-

"This is to state that Mr Richards has been suffering from Myositis and Neuritis by reason of which he will not be able to attend to duties for three or four weeks."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

"That Mr C. H. Richards, Local Taxation Officer, be granted sick leave in compliance with recommendation of Dr M.J. O'Neill. That Mr T. A. Frizelle, Assistant Secretary be appointed Temporary Local Taxation Officer during Mr Richards' absence from duty."

CLERICAL ASSISTANT TO COUNTY LIBRARIAN.

Recommendations were read from County Library Committee with reference to above appointment.

The Finance Committee agreed to terms and conditions of appointment and adopted the following recommendation:-

"That our Secretary submit particulars of proposed arrangements for appointment of Assistant to Librarian in office of County Library to Local Government Department with a view to ascertaining if this appointment is affected by the Local Authorities(Officers and Employees)Act 1926.

It was decided that the Superior,Christian Brothers, Wexford, be requested to set and mark the papers for Irish,English and Arithmetic and that the Wexford Urban Technical Instruction Committee be requested to allow typewriting examination to be conducted in their schools and to afford the use of their typewriters for the purpose, each candidate to do a quarter of an hour's typing.

The following conditions of appointment were recommended by the Committee:-

Appointment will be made at meeting of County Council to be held on 11th October 1926.

Salary £78 per annum.

Person appointed to devote his or her whole time to duties of the office.

Applicants for the position must be over 18 years of age on 1st October 1926, and will be required to attend for qualifying examination at County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 1st October 1926 at 10 o'clock a.m.:Subjects;-English,Irish, Arithmetic, Typewriting.

(No further notice of this examination will be given.)

Appointment will be subject to approval of Minister for Local Government and Public Health and will be determinable by a month's notice in writing on either side.

Applications for the position with references must be lodged on or before 10 a.m.on 1st October with the Undersigned.

Canvassing either directly or indirectly will disqualify a candidate, but candidates may submit copies of testimonials and

particulars of qualifications to members of the Council.

The County Council do not bind themselves to make any appointment at the above-mentioned meeting.

CONFERENCE OF COUNTY LIBRARIANS.

Letter was read from Secretary of Carnegie United Kingdom Trust relative to proposed Conference of County Librarians to be held in London on November 18th and 19th. The Librarians would be the guests of the Trust and Library Authorities would be responsible for fares only.

It was decided to recommend the County Council to agree to the attendance of Miss Walsh, Librarian, at Conference, the Council to be responsible for fare to and from London.

WEXFORD COURTHOUSE.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor Co. Council, forwarded copy of the following letter from Department of Finance- Compensation Section (D48/571):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Finance to request that you will be good enough to state what progress (if any) has been made in reinstating the structure at Commercial Quay, Wexford in respect of the destruction of which the above award (£5,000 and costs) was made."

Referred to County Council.

AWARD PRIMARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

Under date 26th August 1926, the Secretary, Office of National Education, forwarded results of examination for award of Primary Scholarships.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That County Council be recommended to award Scholarships tenable at approved secondary schools to the following candidates placed in order of merit on the basis of the approved Scheme:-

- (1) Joseph Flynn, Ballyvoclare, Campile (608 marks)
- (2) Thomas Higgins, Monamolin, Rathmure, Enniscorthy (598 marks)
- (3) Richard F. Doyle, Sycamore House, Killurin (583 marks)

(4) Mary Kavanagh, Hollyfort, Gorey (570 marks)

(5) Laurence J. Butler, Lambstown, Killurin (543 marks)

That Scholarships to Thomas Higgins and Mary Kavanagh be of the value of £40 for first year and £50 for second, third and fourth years.

In the event of Joseph Flynn, Richard F. Doyle and Laurence J. Butler being able to conveniently utilise train service for attendance at selected secondary schools, their Scholarships be fixed at £30 per annum for four years. Should train service be unsuitable, Scholarships to these candidates be agreed to at £40 each for first year and £50 for second, third and fourth years.

RATE COLLECTION.

The following is percentage of first moiety of 1927 Rate lodged to 2nd September 1926:-

E.J. Murphy 53.58: B. Cleary 45.6: J. Quirke 34.54:
J. Curtis 34.42: M. Kelly 28.9: S. Gannon 27.46: T. Rowe 26.08:
M. Deegan 25.68: J. Cummins 25.09: C. McCarthy 20.87: P O'Byrne
19.9: T. Sutton 17.52: J.J. O'Reilly 16.23: J.J. Kelly 15.44: John J.
Sinnott 15.20: W. Cummins 13.94: P. Fitzpatrick 13.78: P. Walsh 12.9:
J. Doyle 12.56: P. Donohoe 11.63.

It was decided to point out to the Collectors that it will be necessary for them to close their warrants for first moiety by 31st October, and to inform them that under no circumstances will any extension of time, beyond the 31st March, 1927, be given for close of warrant for financial year.

It was decided that Rate Collectors furnish lists of habitable houses in their districts which were returned on their last Irrecoverable Rate Lists as vacant.

Under date 27th August 1926, Mr Elgee, Solicitor to Co. Council, wrote that warrant for arrest of P. J. Sinnott, Collector for No. 4 Collection District (and who had absconded) had been issued and lodged with the Civic Guards for execution.

Collector Fitzpatrick (Collection District 15) attended in connection with List of Irrecoverable Rates.

Mr Fitzpatrick was directed to have Examination Orders served on all persons on his lists who, in the opinion of the Finance Committee, were able to pay their rates.

The attention of the County Council is directed to a case in this district in which the Sheriff made a nulla bona return on a decree and in which the Rate Collector subsequently secured payment.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP - S. J. FURLONG.

In connection with payment of balance of University Scholarship to the above, Mr Furlong submitted the name of Mr R.G. McDonald, Nethertown, of Almerness by Dalbeattie, Kircudbrightshire as the farmer with whom he intended serving a year in connection with his Agricultural Scholarship.

The following resolution was agreed to:-

"That payment of balance of University Scholarship issue to Mr S. J. Furlong, University Scholarship holder, on receipt of intimation from Mr McDonald that Mr Furlong has arranged for a year's apprenticeship on his farm"

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hall, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the recommendations of the Finance Committee in respect of meetings held on 5th and 19th August, and 2nd September, 1926, be confirmed, subject to the following alteration:- "That, in the conditions for appointment of Assistant to Librarian, age limit shall read 'appointment to be confirmed to girls who are over 17 years of age on 1st October, 1926'".

HEAPS OF MATERIALS ON ROADS.

Mr. Connors complained of the disgraceful way in which material was dumped on roads in his district. One heap was ~~in~~ at a very dangerous corner, and an accident had occurred there recently. He proposed that this heap of stones be removed.

be removed.

Mr. Thorpe seconded. Passed.

Mr. Boggan proposed:-

"That the attention of the Assistant Surveyors be called to the dangerous position in which heaps of stones are, in many instances, placed on County roads. If the Council have any further complaint to make in this matter, serious notice will be taken of the negligence of the Assistant Surveyor concerned".

Colonel Quin seconded. Passed.

LAYING OF PIPES ON ROADS AND STREETS.

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On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Assistant Surveyor be instructed, in any case in which any street in New Ross Town has been opened for the purpose of laying pipes, etc., and not replaced in proper condition, to report to the County Surveyor for suitable action thereon. That persons interfering with the road surface, without having obtained the previous permission of the County Surveyor, be proceeded against, and that an advertisement to this effect be inserted in the local papers"

ROADS COMMITTEE.

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The following Minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 23rd August, 1926, were submitted:-

The monthly meeting of the Roads Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 23rd August, 1926.

Present:-Mr T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding, Also, Col Gibbon, Col Quin, Messrs Wm. Boggan, Michael Cloney, Sean O'Byrne, R. Corish, J. Hall, P. Colfer and James Shannon.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, the Assistant Surveyors and Mr Elgee, Solicitor were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

TRUNK ROAD GRANT.

Under date 13th August 1926, the following letter (No R/SGN/32 Wexford) was read from the Ministry of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th inst, and enclosures, and to state that he has approved of the Scheme submitted by the County Surveyor for the expenditure of £3,140 out of the sum of £36,976 earmarked for County Wexford under the terms of the Minister's letter dated 27th July 1926.

The Works Number shown on the back of this letter has been assigned to the Scheme submitted and should be quoted in Requisitions (Form No. 97) for instalments of the Grant and in correspondence.

The usual conditions as to men to be employed, wages to be paid and method and conditions respecting the payment of the Grants set aside for the work which were attached to previous Grants apply also in the present instance, save that there will be no condition with regard to the withholding of twenty per cent of the Grant until completion of the works. Suitable demobilised men of the National Army, if available, are to get a preference for employment as already indicated in the terms governing previous Grants.

A statement will be required in due course giving

the total number of men employed on the work, distinguishing the number of demobilised men of the National Army.

The Minister approves of this preliminary work being carried out by Direct Labour.

A supply of Requisitions (Form No 97) is enclosed."

The County Surveyor stated that £3140 was required for bottoming and strengthening part of the road (Enniscorthy-Wexford) to the extent of about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles, also to carry out some drainage work.

The meeting agreed to the expenditure in question on the work mentioned by the County Surveyor.

TRUNK ROAD T.12. NEW ROSS URBAN.

Mr Shortle, Town Surveyor, New Ross wrote as follows under date 6th August 1926:-

"My attention has been directed to the local Press reports of a recent discussion by your County Council of the Road Improvement Work carried out by me in the New Ross Urban District, and as considerable misapprehension appears to exist amongst the members of your Council regarding this Scheme, I wish to briefly state a few facts in connection therewith.

In the first instance, the sum of £1,300 was merely allocated to the New Ross Urban District, through the medium of your Council (out of the Trunk Road Grant) in order to improve that section of road known as T. 12, ^{from} ~~from~~ the Royal Hotel via North Street and South Street to the U.D. Boundary at Newtown. Total length 200 perches. I was then directed to prepare a scheme to cover the expenditure of this amount. Copy of Scheme enclosed.

I estimated that the £1300 would only suffice to roll and spray 160 perches, and that 1,000 cubic yards of material would be required for this purpose. As an excess of macadam was forwarded from Ballybrennan, 180 lineal perches were rolled and 80 lineal perches surface-dressed with bituminous compound at a total cost of £1311-2-6 $\frac{1}{2}$. Particulars of this expenditure are enclosed, from which it will be seen that the sum of £676-16-0 reverts to the County Council Exchequer for the purchase of

macadam and hire of roller.

Except for the fact that the surface of the undressed portion began to loosen under the influence of heavy traffic and dry weather (as usually happens), I am not aware that the work was in any sense defective. This portion of the road has since been surface-dressed (under the maintenance scheme) and I think there is now little, if any, cause for complaint. I may add that the work was recently inspected by the Roads Department Engineer and he found no fault therewith.

With regard to the observations attributed to a member regarding the method of cleaning the road surface, I find that this ~~he~~ had reference to another section of road. (T.7) and had no relation to above subject. The workmen referred to were experienced roadmen and were engaged cleaning the road surface preparatory to repairing pot-holes therein with mastic. It is common knowledge that thorough cleaning is necessary if such work is to be really successful. This particular work was being carried out in accordance with the Maintenance Arrangement arrived at with the County Surveyor in March last. The total cost for labour and materials incurred under this arrangement from 1st April to 30th June last was £11-16-0, particulars of which have already been furnished to the County Surveyor.

The fact that the published reports above referred to are not calculated to be of any service to me, must be my excuse for troubling your Council at all in this matter."

Col Quin mentioned that even with the excess material, 22 perches of road had remained unrolled.

The County Surveyor said that Mr Shortall's estimate was £1600. The work was well done and the 22 perches remaining unrolled would be dealt with under the Maintenance Grant.

No Order.

COURTOWN HARBOUR.

Col Quin reported that he was at Courtown Harbour on the 31st July and the state of affairs there was lamentable. Three or four men were supposed to be engaged at the work in

the harbour but they were standing around doing nothing. He waited from ten minutes to half an hour without seeing any work being carried out. He asked if there was a ganger in charge. A man was pointed out to him who turned out to be the Harbour Master, and he (Col Quin) asked him what work he was doing. The Harbour Master said he was not a labouring man. He told him that the men were working very hard, though, as a matter of fact, while he (Col Quin) was speaking to the Harbour Master, these men who were ten or fifteen yards over from him were standing by doing nothing. He (Col Quin) went away for a short time and when he came back the men had gone away at 12-30 o'clock. He could not say whether they were going to any other portion of the work or not.

In connection with this matter, ~~the~~ Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, wrote as follows under date 6th August 1926:-

"On 31/7/26, Colonel Quin visited Courtown Harbour as a result of which he made complaint to you as to men idling. The work done by men that day (Saturday) consisted of dismantling paddle, taking off wood and iron which involved a considerable amount of work as many of the nuts on bolts were rusted. Paddle parts were put in boat and landed on island in Basin, and when this was done 45 two cwt weight bags of sand had to be filled and tied, twine for tying being purchased by Mr Stapleton when Col Quin arrived in the village. The sand for filling was barrowed by one man to site where sandbags were required whilst the other two men were engaged filling and tying."

The following letter under date 7th August 1926 was read from Mr Stapleton, Harbour Master:-

Colonel Quin came here on 31st July (Saturday), and made several false accusations against myself and the other men employed by the Council. Firstly, he told me that we were doing nothing which I deny. Secondly, he stated that he was watching us for half an hour during which time we were standing doing nothing which is untrue. He also stated that the men left work at 12-30 p.m. which is also untrue as they left at 1 p.m.

The facts of the case are as follows:- I went over to

the village for a ball of twine about 12-30 p.m. and saw Col. Quin arrive and go up the back road towards Riverchapel. He came back to us in less than fifteen minutes and he wanted to know what we were doing. I told him we were filling sandbags. He told me we were doing nothing and that he would report it to the Council. I told him to do so, and that I denied we were idling. I asked him how the half hour came in, as I saw him arrive in the village, go up the back road and fifteen minutes would cover the whole time. "Well", said he, "you were doing nothing when I came here." The men ceased work on that day at 1 p.m."

Mr Stapleton, Harbour Master, Courtown Harbour, who attended the meeting, stated that the men were engaged filling sandbags while Col Quin was there. They did not leave as Col. Quin suggested but went to another portion of the harbour to carry out other work and it was past 1 o'clock when they ceased for the day.

Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, said he was satisfied with the amount of work which the men had done that day.

After some further discussion, it was decided on the motion of Col. ^{Gibson} Quin seconded by the Chairman to proceed with the next business.

ROAD 27 E.

In connection with complaint made by Mr Hall reported at last meeting, as to rolling work on above road, the following report under date August 19th 1926, was read from Mr T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of 9th inst regarding above work.

For some time past it has been impossible to keep Enniscorthy end of this road in repair, owing to depression of road centre and bulging of sides. During and after rain, there was a stream of water constantly flowing along centre of road which was lower than side channels.

"To remedy this it was necessary to reshape the road and for this purpose last year I had a quantity of scabblings and coarse material brought down from Clonhaston Quarry.

After discussing the matter with you on 20th ult. I made necessary arrangements, and roller started work on 22nd ultimo with ganger, two carters and seven men who worked up to 7th inst, after which job was continued with six men for the remainder of the time except last two days when four men were employed. The roller finished on the 17th inst.

Hereunder I give particulars regarding cost of work:-

Period ending	Wages	Insurance	Roller	Materials
7/8/26	£25-8-6	£1-7-0	£23-16-0	250 R. @ 4/- £50
14/8/26	£32-12-11	£2-2-9	£30-9-0	334Bs @ 8/- £133-12-0
17/8/26	£ 4-1-9	15-9	£ 5-19-0	10scrs @ 4/- £2
	£62-3-2	£4-5-6	£60-4-0	£185-12-0

Summary of cost:-

Wages	£62-3-2
Insurance	4-5-6
Roller	60-4-0
Materials	185-12-0
Haulage	25-0-0
500 c.yds @ 1/-	
	£337-4-8

Included in wages is £19-11-6 paid to carters. There was one horse supplying water to roller and sprinkling road. The other horse was carting clay away from water table, shifting stones, and carting from quarry 87 cubic yards B.S. 7c yds of screenings.

Work Done

Scarified 1660 lineal yards watertables, shovelled out and carted away waste clay, marl, etc. Rolled in 250 cubic yards rough scabblings, 334 cubic yards coarse broken stones on a length of 142 perches. Average width 20 feet.

I inspected job on following dates, varying from early morning inspection to visit at 6 o'clock:-

Wednesday 21st July. Laid out work on road with ganger and arranged for men, etc.

Friday 23rd July, Tuesday 27th (8-30 a.m.)

Thursday 29th July, Wednesday 4th August, Friday 6th August,
Monday 9th August, Tuesday 10th August, Wednesday 11th August,
and Tuesday 17th August.

This work is being paid for out of Maintenance Proposal
(amount £630). The other roads in this account, 28E, 29E, and
30E are in fairly good order, and can stand a saving this year
to meet this rolling work on 27E.

The ganger was constantly on the job, except occasional^{ly}
when work elsewhere required his attention, and one of the men,
(P. Carty) then acted as charge hand.

On my inspections I always found work in full swing
and a fair amount of work done from one visit to another.

There was great difficulty experienced in rolling
one side of road owing to its boggy nature, and funds available
did not allow of sufficient material being used for side filling
so as to prevent bulging of sides under heavy traffic.

The ganger and charge hand deny that men ever idled
on the job, or that roller was idle except when allowing traffic
to pass, or for cleaning of tubes, or other such work as was
necessary to keep her in proper working order."

The following letter under date August 17th 1926
was read from the Enniscorthy Branch, Irish Transport & General
Workers' Union:-

"I am instructed to deny Councillor Hall's allegation
against the workers employed on the Clonhaston road. He stated
(according to the Press) at your meeting on Monday week last
that a fortnight ago he found ten men standing on the road
doing nothing at all. He did not inform the Council that it was
raining heavy that morning and that the men were seeking shelter
under the trees. He further states that on Friday fortnight
he found the steamroller waiting for a man to spread a barrow-
full of stones so that they could be rolled. This statement is
incorrect, as there is no barrow used on the job. At the time
Mr Hall was there, a man was wheeling a barrow along the road

but the man was not a Council employee. The statement about the man saying that too much water was put on the road while the man who was doing it was saying he was not putting on enough, Mr Hall was very careful in not mentioning that the sprayer fell off the watering cart, that it only took a very short time to put it on, and that that this was the cause of too much water being put on the road.

Mr Hall, ~~for~~ I am sure, did see four or five men standing on the cross roads idle that day but they were not Council workers. He certainly never passes without seeing men on the same cross roads especially during fine weather, men who belong to the huge army of the unemployed.

I wish to inform Mr Hall that there are only seven men employed on the job instead of ten.

Trusting the District Surveyor's report will satisfy Mr Hall, as I am sure it will prove to the Council that each man on the job has done his work satisfactorily."

Mr Hall mentioned that no man was at work while he was there and neither did the steam roller stir from its position. He found that other men were at work on the roads as he came into Wexford.

The County Surveyor stated that the cost on this road was no higher than on other roads. As a matter of fact he believed it was within the average as the cost of haulage was less.

Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor in reply to queries stated that he was well satisfied with the progress that had been made and good work had been done. On the morning in respect of which Mr Hall complained it was raining heavily and he (Mr Cullen) found from his inspection of the work sheets in the Co. Surveyor's office that the majority of the men employed by the Council were idle for about three hours that day.

Mr Sunderland (ganger) stated that the tubes of the engine were being cleaned at the time Mr Hall came along. From ten minutes to three quarters of an hour had to be given to this

^{about twice}
work every day at present as the coal supplied was not of good quality.

No Order.

BALLYBAWN ~~COUNTY~~ BRIDGE.

On the suggestion of Mr Shamon, Mr Corish proposed and Mr Hall seconded that Messrs Shannon and Thorpe with the County Surveyor be appointed to inspect and report on the bridge which had been erected at Ballybawn by Mr Quigley at a cost of £45. The general public had the use of it and Mr Quigley was anxious that the County Council should take it over as their property.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following report was submitted by the Co Surveyor:

"I have prepared plans for conversion of the old Jail premises for use as Court and General Offices, and these will be before the Courthouse Committee previous to the meeting.

I have prepared a special report dealing with the Road Grant for the special meeting to be held later on the 23rd inst. Last week I had an interview with Mr Quigley, Chief Roads Engineer to the Department of Local Government, and discussed with him the work in general. The Department has not finally decided on the exact details of the work which will be forwarded later.

I have furnished the Secretary with copy of letter which I have received from the Acting County Surveyor in Kilkenny in regard to re-building of Mountgarrett Bridge. The plans appear not yet to be in a position to enter into a contract.

I have notified the Railway Company of the approval of the Council of plans for reconstruction of Sparrowsland Bridge and I expect the work will be put in hands at once.

I have had some repair work carried out on the Gorey-Wexford road, on the bad section between Castlebridge and Oulart-Wexford turn, and as far as it goes this work is satisfactory. I consider that further work of this nature should be carried out, but the funds at present available will not cover such, and

as the "contingencies" fund is small I hesitate to recommend further depletion at this early period of the financial year.

Unfortunately there was a fatal accident on the Wexford-New Ross road. A Civic Guard was thrown from a motor bicycle and killed. I have asked Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor to report in detail, giving measurements at the site, and I shall submit same to the meeting.

In regard to work on main roads in New Ross Urban District, I beg to report that the unsprayed section of the street recently rolled by the Urban Council under Grant (C 855) has now been completed under Direct Labour Proposal.

I purpose when I can get material and have a roller available to complete the rolling of the gap left by the Urban Council-about 22 perches in length.

The final quantities of Ballybrennan Quarry material set out in Form 11 were 750 c. yds. B.S. and 250 c.y. rubble. There was sent from the quarry 890 c.y. B.S. and 194 c.y. rubble.

I examined the books in the Urban Office and checked over expenditure segregated to Main Roads in first quarter of the year and found the accounts reasonable. The County Council has already dealt with this."

Gorey-Wexford Road. Col Gibbon asked the County Surveyor what he anticipated would be the damage to this road during the coming winter.

The County Surveyor said there would be damage to some extent but not to the same extent as the Enniscorthy to Wexford road.

It was decided that the Roads Inspection Committee visit and report as to these particular roads and also as to the condition of the other roads that are liable to "cut" during the coming winter.

Fatal Accident at Ballyvergin. In connection with this, the following letter was read from Mr John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor:-

"In reference to your letter re the accident which happened at Ballyvergin on No 18R, I beg to state that I visited

the place two days after the accident and made measurements of the road at the place. The man fell from the bicycle exactly 39 yards from where a small heap of chippings was placed on the side of the road. I examined the chippings but could find no mark such as would be made if the cycle collided with it. The foreman (Donovan) told me that there was no mark to be seen on the chippings on the morning after the accident. It was sworn at the Inquest that the bicycle was wobbling over the road when passing the cross above where the accident occurred. The road was widened at this place-by about three feet, when being steam rolled, and the chippings were placed on the part made wide for a width of three feet nine inches.

There was then a clear width of road surface to travel on of fourteen feet."

The Co. Surveyor stated he had seen the place where the accident occurred and there was over 14 feet of a ^{passage} ~~surface~~ way between the edges of the heaps as they stood at present. It was his opinion that the bicycle of the deceased Guard never collided with the heap which was on the right hand side of the road, in view of the fact that no mark could be found on the heap and that the Guard's body was picked up 39 yards away from the heap.

Considerable discussion took place as to the practice of putting heaps of stones too far out on the travelling surface and directions were given to the Co. Surveyor that he should take steps to see that road material be placed on roads in such a fashion that it would not be a danger to the travelling public.

CLOSING ROAD 11G (CRAANFORD-CARNEW).

In connection with this matter, the following letter was read from Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor:-

"In about six weeks from now I will be carrying out repairs to bridge on above road which will necessitate closing of ~~road~~ same for about five clear days.

~~XXXXXX~~
~~XXXXXX~~

"Kindly make necessary arrangements for closing road. I will let you know later actual date from which I will require traffic stopped."

The proposal of Mr Treanor was agreed to.

BALLYMURRY QUARRY.

The following letter was read from Mr Joseph Hyland:-

"As Ballymurry Quarry is now taken over by Direct Labour, I am denied all work for myself and my horses.

This quarry was handed over to me 16 years ago by the owner, Capt. Maher. I had to take law proceedings against Jerome Murphy, Ballagh for right of way, which cost me £5.

I have improved this quarry at my own expense for borer and breaker. I have a face of rock 20 yards long by 20 yards wide which is after being re-bored. I also had to get Permit from the Civic Guards at Oylegate and had to send to Waterford for explosives at my own expense. I was told two years ago last March by the Roads Committee that so long as I gave satisfaction to the Co. Surveyor and his Deputies, the work would not be taken from me, and that they were wanting 1000 yards of extra material which is loose there in the rock at present. I would be satisfied with £30 compensation or be allowed to finish getting out all my loose rock."

The County Surveyor stated that he considered it would be fair to allow 1/- per cubic yard to Hyland for any material in this quarry which he had drilled and blasted.

The meeting agreed to this and recommended that Hyland should be paid a sum of £20 on account.

BALL-ALLEY AT COOLGREANY.

Sean Lyndon wrote stating that a Committee intended building a new ball alley at Coolgreany and wished to know if the County Council would object to the Committee taking in a piece of waste ground for which Bernard Moran was paying rent and rates. Moran had no objection to this being done.

Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, wrote approving of the application being granted. The work in reality consisted in

partly rebuilding and repairing an existing ball-alley.

It was decided on the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Col Quin, that the application be granted.

WORKSHOP AT BALLYCANEW.

In connection with an application for the erection of a workshop at Ballycanew village by Thomas Morris, Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, reported that the structure in this case was of wood and iron and extended from the front of the existing building to near the water table. No obstruction to view was caused. He recommended that as the street at this point was extremely wide and straight, the permission sought for might be granted.

The County Surveyor stated that the little shop in question would not interfere in any way with the travelling surface.

Permission was granted on the motion of Mr Colfer, seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne.

ERECTION OF PETROL PUMPS.

Under date 18th August 1926, the following letter was read from Mr Elgee, solicitor:-

"I now write to say that I have considered the matter of the Council's liabilities in respect of accidents in connection with the above.

I am of opinion that, as long as the pumps are placed in such a position as, according to the opinion of the County Surveyor, not to cause any obstruction to the public roads or the users of them, the Council are under no liability in the matter, and that the responsibility for any accidents that may occur, rests with the owners of the pump.

However in any agreements which I have prepared and had signed by Pump Owners, I have inserted a clause indemnifying the Council in respect of accidents."

It was decided to recommend the County ^{Council} ~~Surveyor~~ to refuse permission for the erection of Petrol Pumps in cases

in which applicants were not able to prove that they have entered into an Insurance policy to cover third party risks.

OLD JAIL-PUMP HOUSE.

The County Surveyor forwarded a letter from Michael Tierney, Coolcotts, Wexford, offering £4-4-0 for the portion of the Old Jail in which the Pump House was contained.

The proposal of Tierney was rejected.

FIRE INSURANCE.

Under date 4th August 1926, a letter was read from The Irish National Assurance Company, College Green, Dublin, offering to cover the Fire Insurances of the Council at rates hitherto prevailing but allowing thereon a discount of 25% for a five years' contract.

As the Roads Committee considered this proposal was made for the purpose of interfering with the working of the Irish Public Bodies' Mutual Insurances Ltd, ^{they recommended} it should not be entertained by the Council.

CARRIGBYRNE QUARRY.

Under date 18th August 1926, the following letter was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that one of this Department's Engineering Inspectors has reported that on the occasion of a recent visit to Carrigbyrne Quarry, 7 labourers were employed without any immediate supervision but it was stated that the foreman had called during the morning and might call back. The Minister considers such lax method of supervision most unsatisfactory and hopes the Wexford County Council will make more suitable arrangements.

With regard to the change from piece work to daily wages made in the working of the quarry, the Minister presumes the Council will be prepared to satisfy the Auditor in the event of the question of increased cost of output being raised."

The County Surveyor stated that, since the letter from the Local Government Department had been received, he had appointed a Charge hand in this quarry and the work was going on well.

MOUNTGARRETT BRIDGE.

Under date 19th August 1926, Mr James Gibbons, Acting County Surveyor, Kilkenny wrote stating that Mr Bowen, County Surveyor, was at present absent on sick leave. The plans for Mountgarrett Bridge had not yet been completed, but he hoped to be in a position to furnish further information in the course of a few weeks.

No Order.

FORD OF LYNG.

The following letter under date 20th August 1926 No 16458/26 was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"We beg to inform you that our Engineer recently conferred with the County Surveyor and the Engineer to the Sloblands Company concerning the above mentioned Drainage Scheme and we have his report under consideration at present. Even if the scheme is approved and all goes well, no works can be carried out in the district this year."

No Order

HAULAGE- TARA HILL QUARRY.

Mr Patrick Higgins, Parkbawn, Gorey, Secretary, Gorey District Executive, Farmers' Union, forwarded the following resolution:- "That we the members of the Tara Hill Branch of the Farmers' Union at a meeting held on Sunday, 17th inst, at Tara Hill Schools (Mr Patrick Murray, Chairman) proposed by Mr John Gannon and seconded by Mr John Kavanagh, do most emphatically protest against the attempt of the Secretary of the Gorey Branch of the Transport Union to intimidate and force the carters at Tara Hill quarry who are all small farmers (except 2 carters) and many of them members of the Farmers Union, to join the Transport Union at once and failing to do so their

Committee would take action as per letter addressed by him to an official of the County Council at Tara Hill quarry."

Mr O'Byrne mentioned that there was no objection on the part of the Transport Union to farmers working as carters if they were members of the Farmers' Union.

No Order.

BUNCLODY COURTHOUSE.

The District Court Clerk wrote as follows under date August 21st 1926:-

I am directed by the District Justice to call your attention to the present condition of Bunclody Courthouse. The glass is broken in many of the windows, the walls require some patching and a coat of limewash or paint and the interior requires cleansing and painting. It would take very little expenditure to put the building into a condition in which it would be more suitable and convenient for all those whose business it is to attend the Court.

Will you please see that this matter receives immediate attention."

It was decided to refer this letter to Mr Elgee for advice in order to ascertain the liability of the County Council for any structural repairs. In the event of his decision being that the Council are responsible, the County Surveyor to report to next meeting of the Roads Committee the cost of the repairs set out in the application of the Court Clerk and the Civic Guard to be asked to prevent any further damage to the building.

BALLINABOOLA QUARRY.

A statement was received from Mr Thorpe in connection with an allegation that had been made by Mr Laurence Erwin, Raheen, Adamstown as to removal of County Council road material from Ballinaboola Quarry by Aidan O'Neill who was working in the quarry.

This had been investigated some time ago by the Roads Committee.

It was decided on the motion of Mr Shannon seconded by Mr Colfer that Messrs Erwin and O'Neill be requested to attend next meeting of the Roads Committee in connection with this matter."

Mr. Hall proposed:-

"That the Minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 23rd August, 1926, be confirmed."

Colonel Quin seconded.

Ballybawn Bridge.

On the motion of Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Thorpe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Council take over Ballybawn Bridge, which was erected by Mr. Quigley, as a public thoroughfare. That Mr. Quigley be requested to enter into Agreement with Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, dedicating this bridge to the County Council, acting as the representatives of the public".

Closing of Road 11 G (Craanford-Carnew).

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the recommendation of the Roads Committee as to closing of road 11G (Craanford-Carnew) be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health by the County Surveyor, who is directed to specify the dates between which said road will be closed".

The resolution confirming the Minutes of the Roads Committee was then put and passed.

COURTHOUSE COMMITTEE.

The following minutes of meeting of Courthouse Committee of 23rd August, 1926, was submitted:-

A meeting of the Wexford Courthouse Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on August 23rd 1926.

The Chairman of the County Council, Mr T. McCarthy, presided and there were also present, Messrs Corish and Cloney.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor and Mr Elgee, solicr. were in attendance.

The County Surveyor submitted plans and estimate for the renovation of the Old Jail as a Courthouse and for County Offices at a cost of £4097.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by the Chairman:-

"That we recommend the County Council to forward the plans and estimate of the County Surveyor in connection with the reconstruction of the Wexford Courthouse to the Minister of Justice and request that he should allow the amount of compensation awarded for the destruction of the old Courthouse to be expended on the Old Jail building, or, if considered advisable the County Council should appoint a deputation to the Minister of Justice to explain the position with a view to having the compensation money transferred from the reinstatement of the old Courthouse to the Jail."

A memorial was read from several Solicitors in Wexford Town advocating the reconstruction of the Courthouse on the old site.

A memorial to the same effect was read from a number of merchants and traders.

Mr. Hall proposed and Colonel Quin seconded:-

"That the Minutes of meeting of the Courthouse Committee of 23rd August, 1926, be confirmed".

As an amendment, Mr. Corish proposed:-

"That the plans and specifications, prepared by the County Surveyor, be submitted to Mr. Delap of Delap and Waller for his report".

Mr. Rossiter seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the amendment.:- Messrs Clince, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Mernagh, Pender and Rossiter- 10.

Against. Messrs Boggan, Cloney, Doyle, Hall, Jordan, Kavanagh, Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, O'Donoghue, Shannon, Thorpe, Whyte, Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin and the Chairman - 15.

The Chairman then put the resolution as the substantive motion and declared it carried nem.con.

On the motion of Mr. Thorpe, seconded by Mr. Hall, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Chairman, and Messrs Sean O'Byrne and Doyle, be appointed as a deputation from the County Council, with the County Surveyor and the Secretary, to interview the Minister for Justice in connection with the resolution of the Courthouse Committee advocating the transfer of the allowance for compensation from the old Courthouse site to the Jail"

CURRADUFF QUARRY.

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Mr. Jordan moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the County Council agree to the opening of Curraduff Quarry".

Mr. Shannon seconded.

After considerable discussion, Mr. Jordan amended his/ of notice motion to read as follows:-

"That Curraduff Quarry be re-opened at the most suitable position. That Cherryvorchard and quartzite field stones be

utilised for main roads in the district: that quartzite field stones and, in default, material from Curraduff Quarry be utilised on other roads in this locality".

Mr. Boggan seconded. Passed.

VACANCY ON COUNTY INSURANCE COMMITTEE.

In connection with resignation of Mr. J. Larkin, High Street, Wexford, as member of the County Insurance Committee, it was decided not to fill vacancy until the meeting of the County Council on 11th October, 1926.

VACANCIES - OLD AGE PENSION SUB COMMITTEES.

On the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Quin, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Rev. A. McCormack, P.P., Kilanerin, be appointed member of No.4 Old Age Pension Sub Committee vice Rev.W. Fortune, C.C., transferred from the district".

On the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Rev. R. Talbot, B.A., Killanne, be appointed a member of No.5 Old Age Pension Sub Committee vice Rev. R. Benson, who has left the district."

On the motion of Mr. Connors, seconded by Mr. Hall, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Rev. J. Rossiter, P.P., Ferns, be appointed member of No.6 Old Age Pension Sub Committee vice Dean Gibson resigned."

It was also agreed that Rev. Canon Evans, Rector of Ferns, be appointed to the next vacancy which occurs on this Sub Committee.

TRUNK ROAD GRANT.

Under date 21st August, 1926, letter (SCB/32) was read from the Department of Local Government (Roads) stating

that a payment of £4537 in respect of grant of £15660 to Wexford County out of Trunk Road Grant of £450,000, had been made to the County Treasurer on 20th August, 1926.

SUSPENSION OF COLLECTOR P. J. SINNOTT.
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Under date 18th August, 1926, letter (No.G.37102/1926, Wexford County) was read from the Department of Local Government, confirming the suspension of Collector P. J. Sinnott (No.4 Collection District) and stating that no objection was raised to the temporary employment of Mr. P. J. Furlong for the closing of the warrant in this Collection District.

The Secretary reported that the amount of the defaultation by Mr. Sinnott discovered up to 11th instant was £452: 5: 1d.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF MR.P.J. FURLONG
AS RATE COLLECTOR.
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Under date 2nd September, 1926, letter (No.G.39888/1926 Wexford County Council) was read from the Department of Local Government, sanctioning the temporary appointment of Mr. P. J. Furlong as Rate Collector for No.4 Collection District.

RATE COLLECTION.
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Under date 8th September, 1926, letter No.G.40897/1926, Wexford County, was read from the Department of Local Government stating that it was observed that, notwithstanding the various orders of the Council, none of the Rate Collectors had closed their warrants for 1925/26 on 31st August, 1926, and pointing out that the progress made with the current collection was very poor, only £15,800 out of £17,445 being collected.

POUNDAGE - COLLECTOR DOYLE.

Under date 10th August, 1926, letter (No.G.34927/1926, Wexford County), the Minister for Local Government wrote, stating that he raised no objection to the Council's proposal to pay Mr. Doyle, Rate Collector, poundage on 56 $\frac{1}{4}$ % of the amount lodged by him.

HEAVY LORRY TRAFFIC.

On the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That application be made by the Wexford County Council to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for an Order under Section 7 (4) of the Roads Act 1920 prohibiting, subject to such exceptions or conditions as to occasional user or otherwise, as may be specified in the Order, the driving of Heavy Motor Cars (as defined by Article 2 of the Heavy Motor Car (Ireland) Order 1905) the sum of the registered axle weights of all the axles of which exceeds 4 tons, on every public road in the County within the area of the Council with the exception of that portion of the road extending from the County Boundary at Bounds Bridge to its junction with the road leading from Gorey to Wexford via Ballycanew and Castlebridge.

"The grounds for this application are that the said roads are unsuitable for use by a vehicle of the said class.

"That application be also made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for an Order under Section 7 (4) of the Roads Act 1920 and section 40 of the Local Government Act, 1925, prohibiting the driving of:-

- (a) Heavy Motor Cars (as defined by Article 2 of the Heavy Motor Car (Ireland) Order 1905) at a speed exceeding three miles per hour on New Ross Bridge
- (b) Motor Cars at a speed exceeding ten miles per hour on Wexford Bridge.
- (c) Motor cars at a speed exceeding fifteen miles per hour on the road from Gorey to Courtown Harbour from its junction with the Arklow-Gorey-Ferns-Enniscorthy road at Gorey via Marlfield House and Ballinatray Bridge to Courtown Harbour.

The grounds for this application are that the said bridges and roads are unsuitable for the driving of vehicles of the said classes at speeds exceeding those set out in the application."

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES) ACT, 1926.

Under date 11th August, 1926, letter No. 37067/1926, Miscellaneous, was read from the Department of Local Government calling attention to the provisions of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act 1926. The letter pointed out that the Act extended to all Local Authorities, including Committees and Joint Committees appointed by Local Authorities and set forth the Offices to which the Act applied and the procedure to be followed in making appointments to such Offices.

Mr. Thorpe proposed and Mr. Clince seconded:-

"We consider there was no necessity to apply the provisions of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, to the County Wexford".

The resolution was put and passed, Colonel Quin dissenting.

TUBERCULOSIS SCHEME - TEMPORARY NURSE.

Under date 13th August, 1926, (letter No. P.H. 37103-26) (Wexford C.B.H.), the Department of Local Government forwarded copy of letter

subject to ratification by the Wexford County Council, of the temporary employment of Miss B. Pigott at a remuneration at the rate of £125 per annum, as substitute for Miss O'Connor, Tuberculosis Dispensary Nurse, during the latter's absence on holidays.

Approved.

HOUSING ACT, 1926.

Under date 12th August, 1926, (H.501/21443/1926 Miscellaneous), the Department of Local Government wrote forwarding copy of the Housing Act, 1926, which amended and extended the Housing Act, 1925. Section 1 of the New Act defined the expression "The Principal Act", under Section 2, an additional sum of £300,000 was provided for State Grants to persons, public utility Societies and local authorities erecting and reconstructing houses under the Principal Act. Section 3 extended the provisions of Section 6 of the Principal Act to persons and public Utility Societies reconstructing houses under the Principal Act while under section 4 the normal period for the completion of houses by persons and public utility Societies under the Principal Act was extended to three years and six months.

PROPOSED COMMUTATION OF PENSION.

Under date 31st August, 1926, (P.39055/1926 Wexford County Council) the Department of Local Government wrote, stating that there was no legal authority which would enable the application of Miss Mary Hayes, Official, late County Infirmary, for payment of her pension in a bulk sum instead of as an annual allowance, to be acceded to.

DRAINAGE SCHEMES - GREATISLAND AND CAMBLIN EMBANKMENT.

Under date 7th September, 1926, the following letter

No.17857/26, was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"We beg to inform you that we cannot proceed with the consideration of the above-named schemes until your Council has passed a resolution, in accordance with Section 3 of the Arterial Drainage Act, 1925, referring the proposals to us for further investigation, and undertaking, if the lands referred to in the petitions or any part thereof, together with or without other lands in the neighbourhood thereof, are constituted separate drainage districts, to maintain the drainage works constructed in such drainage districts as far as the same are situate in their county, and to collect and pay the terminable annuities, drainage rates, and other moneys collectable or payable by them in respect of the construction or maintenance of such works".

It was decided that the matter be adjourned to next meeting.

SOW DRAINAGE SCHEME.

Mr. Doyle stated that he had received a complaint from a farmer residing in the Sow Drainage District that his main drains had not been attended to under the Scheme. It appeared that the main drains at one side of the River Sow had been cleaned out but nothing had been done on the other side.

Colonel Quin proposed:-

"That the County Surveyor be asked to furnish report on this matter to the next meeting of the Roads Committee. "

The Chairman seconded.

Passed.

FORD OF LYNG DRAINAGE SCHEME.

Under date 26th August, 1926, the following letter (No.17059/26) was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"We beg to inform you that on examination of our Engineer's report referred to in our communication of the 20th instant in connection with the above scheme, we find that there is a serious difference of opinion as to the ownership of the channel between the points marked B and D on the map, copy enclosed, which accompanied the petition in respect of the proposal. This is the most vital part of the Scheme, and the question at issue is whether the Slobland Company own it and are liable for its maintenance. If they are under such a liability - and can be made to discharge it - it is obviously inequitable that the cost of repairing ~~and~~ maintaining the channel should be transferred from them to the landowners of the proposed drainage district.

"It is therefore essential that this point should be cleared up before a drainage scheme for the district is further considered. Unfortunately, the Act under which the works of the Company were constructed throws no light on the point while we find on enquiry that the plans referred to in it were destroyed in the Peace Office in Wexford in the fire of June 1921.

"Possibly copies of the plans may be in other hands and we would be glad if any means could be suggested by which the matter could be cleared up".

The Secretary stated that, at the last meeting of the Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, a letter was read from the Office of Public Works stating that, even if the Scheme for the Ford of Lyng was approved and all went well, no work could be carried out in the district this year.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Dorish, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, be requested to obtain Counsel's opinion in connection with the liability of the Slob Co., for the drainage of the ~~mill~~ at Ballybro as soon as possible, and that he consult Mr. M. Doyle, M.C.C., in connection with preparation of queries to Counsel"

KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE SCHEME.

Under date 27th August, 1926, the following letter, (No.16486-26) was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"We beg to inform you that on the facts before us we do not consider that any useful purpose would be served by sending down an Engineer to discuss the works carried out in the above Drainage District, at the next meeting of the County Council. If, however, they wish for any information regarding these works we shall be happy to supply it".

Mr. Murphy mentioned that the deputation which it had been proposed should wait upon the Council were unfortunately unable to attend. He proposed:-

"That the consideration of the position of Kilmannock Drainage Scheme be adjourned in order to ascertain if the Land Commission would come to terms with the tenants in occupation of the Kilmannock Estate, who were the principal beneficiaries under the Scheme, and who, the Council understand, have surrendered their holdings to the Land Commission. Unless the Kilmannock Estate would be made liable for the drainage rate, this impost would unduly press upon the farmers concerned in Greatisland, Ballyedock and neighbouring townlands".

Mr. Chairman seconded: Passed.

RENEWALS - SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

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On the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Continuing Scholarships under Secondary Scholarship Scheme be granted to the following:-

Patrick J. O'Reilly, Killanne, Enniscorthy.

John Hunt, Rath, Duncormack.

M. Frayne, Courtnacuddy, Enniscorthy.

B. Berney, Foxcover, Monaseed.

K. O'Keefe, Moor, Bridgetown.

Edward Breen, Duncannon.

John G. Dillon, Harpoonstown, Bridgetown.

Thomas B. Larrissey, Duncannon.

John Stafford, Poulsallagh, Drinagh".

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

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On the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. Corish, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Finance Committee be empowered to approve of the awards of University Scholarships in conformity with the University Scholarship Scheme of the Council. That we request the University Authorities to furnish us with list of ~~marks~~ of applicants for these Scholarships and express surprise that these particulars, though applied for a very considerable time ago, have not yet come to hand"

DEFAULTING LAND PURCHASE ANNUITANTS.

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Under date 24th August, 1926, a letter was read from the Irish Land Commission, stating that the amount of arrears on 31st July in respect of Land Purchase Instalments due for Gales to 1st June, 1926, inclusive in County Wexford, was £22445.

On the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, be requested to advise as to whether it is allowable within the law to publish list of names and addresses of defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants".

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That our Secretary request the Land Commission to furnish a complete list up to date of persons in arrear with their Land Purchase instalments. That same be submitted to the Finance Committee in order to extract from said list the names of persons who, in the opinion of the Committee, are able to pay their annuities, and that the names so extracted be referred to the General Meeting of the County Council"

COURT CRIMERS.

Under date 3rd September, 1926, letter (No.G.40487/1926, Miscellaneous (Q), was read from the Department of Local Government stating that the Minister for Justice had intimated that, as from 1st September, 1926, provision for the full payment of Court Criers from Voted Monies had been made by that Department. Accordingly such Officers should not be remunerated from local funds from that date.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING CONTRACT.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Council of the County of Wexford hereby agrees to the Wexford County Board of Health carrying out the Electric Lighting and Heating, the installation of a Power

House and Laundry Fittings and the general work of Drainage and Sewerage detailed in the attached Specification, which has been submitted to and approved of by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, at the County Hospital Wexford, involving a sum of £4,963, and that the Board of Health for the County Health District of Wexford, are hereby empowered to affix their Seal to the Contract for the said works on behalf of the Wexford County Council".

COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT FOR TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS

On the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That, in the event of the comprehensive agreement for the treatment of Tuberculosis, receiving the approval of the County Insurance Committee, to whom it has been submitted, the seal of the Council be attached thereto".

GRANT - TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS.

Under date 20th August, 1926, letter No.P.H.27255/1926, Wexford County, was read from the Department of Local Government stating that the payment of a sum of £737 had been authorised as the first instalment of recoupment in respect of the expenditure of the County Council in connection with the County Tuberculosis Scheme for the year ending 31st March, 1927.

TUBERCULOSIS SCHEME - TREATMENT OF ADVANCED CASES.

In connection with letter from Department of Local Government (No.29796/26 C.B.H), dated 29th July, 1926, regarding the treatment of advanced cases of tuberculosis and which was referred to the County Board of Health for their observations, the Secretary, to the latter body wrote, under date 20th August, 1926, that the letter was considered by the Board on 16th August, 1926, when it was decided to invite the Department's Architect - Mr. Strahan - to the meeting on 20th September, 1926, to discuss

the recommendations contained in the letter".

APPLICATION FOR SUPERANNUATION.

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An application was received from Mr. B. J. O'Flaherty, Solicitor to the late Gorey Rural District Council and Gorey Guardians, for superannuation.

On the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. Thorpe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to inform this Council if, in his opinion, Mr. B. J. O'Flaherty, Solicitor for late Gorey Rural District Council and Gorey Guardians, is entitled to superannuation, as he was paid by taxed costs and not by salary. "

VERONA BRIDGE.

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The County Surveyor submitted letter, under date 7th September, 1926, from Mr. T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, that Mr. McCarthy, Fairfield, had refused to sign agreement regarding work of repairing Verona Bridge. Mr. McCarthy said the work could be carried out as already arranged and that he would not object unless there was undue trespass on his field adjoining the bridge.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the following be appointed a Committee to wait on Mr. McCarthy of Fairfield and induce him to sign the necessary agreement regarding his land in order to allow of the reconstruction of Verona Bridge:-

Messrs Clince, Shannon, Jordan and Hall, report of this Committee to be submitted to next meeting of the Roads Committee".

NATIONAL ROAD SCHEME.

Under date 8th September, 1926, a letter was read from the County Surveyor stating he had received from the Department of Local Government copies of draft specifications for above work which appeared to have in view the employment of a contractor.

It was decided that the specifications be referred to the Roads Committee.

NEW ROSS BRIDGE

The County Surveyor submitted letter, under date 3rd September, 1926, from Mr. P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, stating that work would cease on New Ross Bridge on 4th September, as something over the amount allowed would have been expended by them. At least £70 would be required to complete the entire job satisfactorily.

On the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Corish the following resolution was adopted:-

"That a sum of £70 be set aside from Contingencies Fund for repairs to New Ross Bridge as per recommendation of the County Surveyor".

SPARROWSLAND BRIDGE.

The County Surveyor submitted letter under date, 1st September, 1926, from the Chief Engineer, Great Southern Railways, stating that the Law Agent to the Railway Company had been asked to prepare formal agreement in connection with reconstruction of Sparrowsland Bridge and that he presumed the County Surveyor was taking the necessary steps to obtain the sanction of the County Council and the Minister for Local Government with regard to the closing of the road during the reconstruction.

Under date 11th September, 1926, the County Surveyor submitted further letter from the Chief Engineer, Great Southern Railways, stating that in every other case since the new Local Government Board Regulations came into force all the arrangements with the Local Government Department had been made by the County Surveyor, and that it was not possible, at that stage, to specify the dates between which the road would be closed for traffic as delivery of materials was very uncertain. He suggested that application be made to the Local Government Department to have the road closed for four days, the actual dates, of which it would be possible to give three weeks' notice or even longer, to be subsequently arranged.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor make application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health with a view to the closing of road in order to allow of the repair of Sparrowsland Bridge and that due notice of definite dates, between which the road will be closed, be furnished later. "

LICENCES POISONS & PHARMACY ACT.

On the motion of Mr. Clince, seconded by Mr. Murphy, renewals of licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act were granted to

Laurence Codd, Main Street, Enniscorthy.

R. Rackard, Killanne, Enniscorthy.

Edward Redmond, The Harrow, Ferns.

MEXICAN CATHOLICS.

On the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the following resolution from Wexford Corporation was adopted:-

"That we express our deepest sympathy with the bishops, priests, and nuns of Mexico in the persecution they are undergoing the at/present time at the hands of the Mexican Government, and hereby express our condemnation of the tyrannical action of that Government".

REVISION OF VALUATION.

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On the motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Jordan, the following resolution from the Enniscorthy District Association of the Irish Farmers' Union was adopted:-

"That we believe the present is no time for revision or increase of valuation owing to the general depression in farming and every business. Such increase will tend to discontinue improvements and stop any progress that industrial people would be inclined to carry out".

The following resolution was also adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Corish:-

"That the Government be requested to amend the present Valuation Laws with a view to providing for acknowledged cases of hardship which cannot be dealt with under existing Statutes"

DEMANDS OF COUNTY BOARDS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND MENTAL HOSPITAL COMMITTEES.

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On the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne, the following resolution from Waterford County Borough Council was adopted:-

"That in the opinion of this Council the demands made on the local ratepayers by the County Boards of Public Assistance and Mental Hospital Committees constitute an intolerable and unbearable burden and We call on the Government to take the necessary steps to have such charges borne by the National Exchequer".

EXISTING PRICE OF COAL.
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Arising out of a discussion on the exorbitant price of coal, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Corish:-

"That we draw the attention of the Minister for ~~Kinn~~ Industry and Commerce to the profiteering which exists in this County as regards the sale of coal, and request him to fix a maximum price for same which he can go under the powers conferred on him under the Emergency Powers Act"

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

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I certify the foregoing to be a
correct record of the Minutes of Proceedings
of my County Council in respect of Meeting
held on 13th September, 1926.

(Signed) _____

Secretary Wexford Co. Council.

Dated this 15th day of September, 1926.

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Thos McCarthy
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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.
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Special Meeting.
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HELD ON 23RD AUGUST, 1926.
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M I N U T E S .
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N. J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary.

FORTVIEW,
Wexford.

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A special meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on August 23rd, 1926, for the purpose of making recommendation to the Minister for Local Government as to whether the proposed work on the Enniscorthy-Wexford road under a Grant of £36,976 should be carried out by Direct Labour or by Contract.

The County Surveyor had been directed by last meeting to submit proposals as to how the work should be carried out.

Present:- Mr. T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; Also Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs Wm Boggan, Sean O'Byrne, J. E. Walsh, J. Clince, R. Corish, P. Hayes, John Whyte, T. Rossiter, P. Byrne, Aidan Mernagh, James Gaul, Thomas Cooney, John Connors, J. Pender, James Hall, Michael Doyle, W. Thorpe, M. M. O'Donoghue, Ml. Cloney, M. Jordan, D. Kavanagh, Patrick Colfer and James Shannon.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, were also in attendance.

The following letter under date 27th July, 1926, was read from the Ministry for Local Government:-

"As intimated by the Minister for Finance in his Budget speech in An Dail on the 21st April last, it has been decided to carry out a National Road Scheme at the cost of £2,000,000. The Scheme contemplates the improvement of a selected mileage of the Trunk Roads of the Saorstát within a period of two years. The roads to be improved are shown in the accompanying sketch map.

" In order that the greatest benefit may immediately ensure both to the Road Authorities and to those in need of employment,

it is the desire of the Government that the work will be started forthwith in every county in the State.

"Having regard to the progress made on the previous Schemes financed out of the Road Fund to the extent of over £1,500,000, it is obvious that the Scheme now proposed will entail a greater effort, a more extensive plant and a larger personnel than under the smaller schemes, if carried through to completion within the next two years. The first instalment of the Scheme involves an expenditure of £750,000. Further instalments of a somewhat similar magnitude will be indicated as soon as practicable having regard to the progress made under the initial programme.

"As will be seen from the accompanying sketch map, some of selected roads run through County Wexford and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health directs me to inform the Wexford County Council that the first section of the scheme ~~pro~~ provides for the improvement of the stretches of roads at the cost stated, specified on the accompanying schedule.

"A sum of £36,976 has accordingly been earmarked for this work in your county. The County Surveyor should be instructed to get into communication without delay with the Chief Roads Engineer of this Department with a view to the settlement of details incidental to carrying out the work indicated. As soon as the Minister has an opportunity of considering the facilities available in your county, he will indicate to the Council whether Direct Labour or Contract is to be adopted. He will also indicate the nature of any special requirement in relation to the method adopted."

"The usual conditions as to men to be employed, wages to be paid and method and conditions respecting the payment of

the grants set aside for the work indicated in this letter which were attached to previous grants, apply also in the present instance, save that there will be no condition with regard to withholding of 20% of the Grant until completion of the works. Suitable demobilised men of the National Army, if available, are to get a preference for employment as already indicated in the terms governing previous grants.

The intimation conveyed in this letter is to be taken as of a general character and the Minister reserves to himself the right to specify such further requirements as may be necessary for the successful carrying out of the work having regard to circumstances in each particular county.

SCHEDULE County of Wexford. Ferrycarrig Bridge to Enniscorthy Bridge (11.4 miles) ~~strengthening~~ subgrade where required, re-shaping and rolling surface; drainage, bitumen macadam.

Estimated cost £36,976.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Enniscorthy-Wexford Road. Grant of £36,976 for section between Enniscorthy Bridge and Ferrycarrig Bridge. I made application to the Local Government Department for sanction to expend £3,476 out of the Grant on strengthening the subcrust and drainage. The Department has now approved of the work and has allocated £3,140 for same (No.N.875). There are some lengths that require bottoming, and I am at present having material prepared in Kerlogue and in Brownswood Quarries. This work will be the consolidation by roller of a quantity of rubble stone and will be carried out in the usual manner.

"Regarding the balance of the Grant (£33,836) it is proposed that it be expended in putting a tar macadam surface on the length from Enniscorthy Bridge to Ferrycarrig Bridge. I attach

copy of draft Specification which describes the proposed work. This, however, is subject to amendment and to approval by the Local Government Department.

You will note that the material to be used is from Ballybrennan Quarry, and as it will have to be laid while hot I believe it will be impossible to transport it by rail. A road tramway is out of the question as the distances to the road by the three passable crossings of the Slaney are as follows:- to Enniscorthy Bridge $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles; to Kyle Cross (via Deeps) 8 miles; to Ferrycarrig Bridge $9\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Road haulage remains, and in view of the large quantity required per day and distance from quarry, horse haulage is not feasible. Lorry traffic is in my opinion the only method of transport, and though no doubt some of the roads will suffer, I consider the damage can be kept within limits, especially as the work can only proceed in dry weather.

"I estimate that there will be required about 20,000 cubic yards of material and the time occupied in consolidating this will extend over from five to seven months according to weather etc.. This will mean the transport of in or about 200 cubic yards per day. The haulage will have to be done by hired plant.

"Regarding preparation of broken stone, I find the Council's own plant will be available only if extensive alterations be made at Ballybrennan. Also it will be necessary to prepare in advance about half the quantity, viz., 10,000 c.yards.

"The alterations at Ballybrennan will consist of the following:-

- (1) Setting back the existing breaker at a higher level.
- (2) Setting up a second breaker at this higher level.
- (3) Making a ramp and tramway for hauling the rubble from quarry face to breaker platform. There will be required

a Donkey engine to haul the waggons.

- (4) Diverting public road opposite quarry to run nearer face. There will thus be a larger area available for a broken stone dump on site of existing road and part quarry floor between new road and existing road fence.
- (5) Remove existing road bank fence and put in concrete retaining wall to hold up dump.
- (6) Make tramway outside concrete wall to take broken stone from dump to mixer plant.
- (7) Erect timber tressel bridge over new road to carry tramway for running broken stone from breaker to dump.
- (8) Prepare site for mixing plant and made roadway to same to allow of lorries and road waggons being loaded.
- (9) Set up mixing plant.
- (10) It may be advisable to purchase and erect a large crusher to deal with the rubble before running to breakers, and then save heavy sledging as well as getting more output from breaker.
- (11) An Air Compressor Drill Plant will be necessary to deal with this large quantity of material. Special arrangements must also be made for blasting as it will probably be necessary to fire shots every day.

I estimate the cost of above at £5913. I do not consider you can charge this in full against the Grant as on completion of the Grant Work the Plant and improvements will have an appreciable value. If the Local Government Department sanction the expenditure and allow the Council to charge hireage for the plant and Grant Work can be carried out directly.

You will then own the plant and have it available for further improvement works both in Rural and Urban areas.

A good deal of the expenditure on tramways in Ballybrennan Quarry will be such as to reduce cost of production for the Grant work and on completion, part of the tram plant may with advantage be transferred to other quarries.

The Council's own rolling plant can be made available, but if necessary, there will be no difficulty in hiring rollers locally.

If the County Council be not allowed to purchase the plant, etc., there is no alternative to having the work done by contract."

Colonel Gibbon proposed and Colonel Quin seconded and it was passed that the County Surveyor be given instructions in drawing up scheme of work under Grant for Enniscorthy-Wexford road that he provide for the drainage of same to be carried on a tarred channel at each side of a 21 foot surface and on which no vegetation can grow.

After considerable discussion, Mr. Cloney proposed and Colonel Quin seconded that the Minister for Local Government be asked to direct that the work in connection with Grant for Enniscorthy-Wexford road be carried out by contract.

As an amendment, Mr. Shannon proposed and Mr. Rossiter seconded:- "That we request the Minister for Local Government to agree to Wexford County Council carrying out the work under Grant for Enniscorthy-Wexford road by Direct Labour provided that the Council are allowed to purchase out of the Grant the necessary machinery which is estimated by the County Surveyor to cost £5000 odd.

After considerable discussion, a poll was taken on the amendment proposed by Mr. Shannon with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Boggan, Byrne, Cline, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, Mernagh, O'Byrne, Pender, Rossiter, Shannon, Walsh, and the Chairman - 17.

Against:- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs Cloney, Doyle, Jordan, Thorpe, Kavanagh, O'Donoghue and Whyte - 9.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

When put as substantive resolution it was adopted nem. con.

*Thomson & Co
Sept 13th 1922.*

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY.
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I certify the foregoing to be a correct
record of the Minutes of Proceedings of my County
Council in respect of Special Meeting held on
23rd August, 1926.

(signed) _____

Dated this day of August 1926.

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